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for the

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Dedicated to the Faithful Officers
of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire

Dr. Oscar Burns
1885-1968

Dr. Oscar Burns came to Amherst as a young doctor. He served as Health Officer and also as School Physician about 33 years.

His loss means the loss of friend, doctor, citizen and humanitarian.

Charles A. Kennedy
1926-1968

"Chuck" was Zoning Administrative Official rrom
1962-1965

Lost at sea November 1968

Though dark my path, and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught
"Thy will be done".

What though in lovely grief I sigh
For friends beloved, no longer nigh
Submissive still would I reply,
"Thy will be done".

TOWN OFFICERS — 1968

Moderator
M. A. Wight, Jr.

Selectmen
J. Merrill Hines, '69
Meric G. Arnold, '69 — Hermon W. Anderson, '71
(Dewey W. Smith Resigned)

Town Clerk
Catherine A. Kruger

Road Agent
Richard G. Crocker

Town Treasurer
Catherine A. Kruger

Auditors
Orson H. Bragdon
Stephen Noble

Tax Collector
Barbara H. Landry

Supervisors of the Checklists
Phyllis A. Hill, '72
Everard Barron, '70
Audrey Spalding, '74

Road Commissioners
Rufus I. Brown, '69
George Grassett, '70
Frank W. Dreyer, '71

Trustees of Trust Funds
Chester B. McGrath, '69
Edward A. Conti, '70 — David T. Ramsay, '71

Library Trustees
E. Daniel Johnson, '69 — Benjamin G. Bundy, '70
Elizabeth M. Wight, '69 — Marian J. Williston, '70
Kathleen C. Ware, '71
Helen L. Sondrol, '71

Ways and Means Committee
Dana Powers, Chairman — James C. Starke
Erik Brown — Paul Simpson
Alfred Byrnes — Herbert Harding
Robert Blakeman

Tree Committee
F. Tenney Clough
Allen D. Howard — H. Ronald Berlack

Planning Board
John Enright, Chairman '71 — Oliver Merrill '69
Herbert Wenzel, '70 — Elliot Lyon, sec'y. '71
Herbert Campman '73 — Harold Eastman '72
J. Merrill Hines, Ex-officio

Civil Defense
Roy E. Maston

Administrative Official
Chester B. McGrath, Jr.

Cemetery Trustees

Edward J. Marchildon, Chairman
Hermon W. Anderson
David T. Ramsay

Town Counsel

Charles J. Lincoln

Health Officer

Dr. James C. Starke

Memorial Day Committee

William H. P. Hopkins, Chairman
Robert K. Blakeman
Phyllis A. Hill
Sen. Creeley S. Buchanan
Paul F. Dudley
Harry P. Trevathan

Recreation Commission

Anne G. Hopkins, Chairman '70

Richard A. Smith	'70	William Johnson	'71
Hope M. Caulfield	'71	Raymond L. Desmarais	'69

Conservation Commission

Herbert I. Harding '70

Penelope Skeer, Sec'y.	'69	Frederick E. Seeling	'71
Robert T. Weston	'69	Harry Mitiguy	'71

Police Department

Donald R. Bourdon, Chief

Howard C. French, Sgt.
Norman P. Clark
Henry I. Crook*
Arthur Merrill
John E. Guilfoyle*
Richard French

William J. Morrison

* For school duty only

Board of Adjustment

C. Clark Stewart, Chairman '69

Paul Antonelli	'70	Jack Lindabury	'71
Roger Brown	'73	Edward Noyes, Secy'y.	'72

Air Pollution Control Committee

Frederick E. Jenks, Chairman
Oliver Merrill
G. Winthrop Brown
Alfred Sicotte

Richard A. Smith, Secretary

Superintendent of Town Buildings

Charles A. Reynolds

Industrial Study Sub-Committee

Herbert Campman
William Conant
Allen D. Howard
Herbert E. Schmitz

Harding C. Sortevik, Chairman

Representatives to the General Court

Senator Creeley S. Buchanan

Rep. Orson H. Bragdon
Rep. Kenneth W. Spalding

OFFICE HOURS
of
TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

At Town Hall second and fourth Monday evenings 7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

Office open 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Tax Collector

Office at home — Mack Hill Road

Town Hall — Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a. m. to Noon; also second and fourth Monday evenings, Town Hall.

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Office at home — Middle Street

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.; Monday evenings 4:30 to 7:30 p. m.

General Information

Telephone

Town Hall	673-2305
Tax Collector	673-2305 or 673-1513
Town Clerk	673-3235
Fire Chief	673-2543
Road Agent	673-1293
Town Barn	673-2317
Police Chief	673-1414
Dog Officer	673-2472 or 673-3067

FOR FIRE, POLICE, EMERGENCY 673-1414

Hours for dump every Wednesday, 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Please keep your Town Report handy, you may want to refer to it many times during the year.

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls open at 10:00 A. M. and close at 7:00 P. M. at the Town Hall.

Meeting at 8:00 P. M., Wilkins School.

Voting on Article One (1) and Articles Nine through Twelve (9 through 12) will be by ballot **at the Polls.**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, at 8:00 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year and the ensuing three years.

2. To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE NO. 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Ordinance regulating the acceptance of Private Roads as Town Roads to read as follows:

Town of Amherst
Road Specifications 1969

1. The right of way shall be at least 45 feet in width, which shall be cleared, all stumps removed and shall be conveyed to the Town of Amherst by Warrantee Deed.

2. The finish grade shall be at least 24 feet in width.

3. The road bed shall be constructed by:

a. Removal of all loam and yielding material for a width of 30 feet.

b. Shall have all boulders broken off at least 12 inches below sub-grade.

c. Proper drainage shall be installed wherever necessary, consisting of either a reinforced concrete or metal pipe of minimum size of 18 inches in diameter.

d. The sub-grade shall be constructed of at least 12 inches of good packing material consisting of gravel not over 6 inches in size.

e. On ledge cut, 6 inches of sand shall be applied before the 12 inches of gravel.

f. The finish grade shall be constructed of at least 4 inches of fine gravel such as will go through a 2 inch mesh screen.

g. Shall have applied an asphalt surface of a minimum of 1½ gallons per square yard mixed and placed for a width of 20 feet.

h. Shall have applied by the developer the following year a sealer coat of a minimum of ½ inch of Dix Mix by a paving contractor approved by the Board of Selectmen.

i. All dead ends shall be provided with a turn around. Turn arounds shall have a minimum radius of 75 feet from the center of the circle to the center of the rights of way with a grade not to exceed 2%.

j. The Grade shall not exceed 9%.

4. It shall be the obligation of the developer planning a new road to do the following:

a. Advise the Selectmen of his intent in order to secure approval for the proposed right of way. Selectmen to notify the Road Agent and the Road Commission.

b. To request inspection and approval of the right of way before gravel is applied to bring to sub-grade.

c. To request inspection and approval of the right of way before gravel is applied to bring to finish grade.

5. Guard rails or any other type of barrier, culvert post and signs shall be installed as directed by the Board of Selectmen.

6. Before final inspection the developer shall remove all trash from the right of way and the center of the turn around and shall repair any damage done to the roadway, shoulders, etc., prior to final inspection.

7. These Specifications shall take effect on March 12, 1969 and shall apply to all Subdivisions approved after that date.

ARTICLE NO. 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed $1,500.00 for rebuilding the two existing tennis courts and the construction of one new tennis court on Davis Lane, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to continue the plan of Road Improvement started in 1956, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,100.00 to widen, gravel and black top the west end of Cross Road near Windsor Park, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $875.00 to gravel and black top the north end of West Street at Baboosic Lake, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 9

(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes upon the Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst dated February 1963:

To change the zoning classification of the area southeast of Rte. 101 now lying partly in residential area and partly in rural area to commercial area being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southeasterly side of Route 101 at the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Paul Antonelli, thence: northeasterly a distance of 1100 feet more or less by the southeasterly side of Route 101 to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Roy Parker, thence;

(1) South 80 degrees 15 minutes East a distance of two hundred and ninety-eight (298) feet more or less by land of Parker to a point, thence;

(2) South 84 degrees 30 minutes East a distance of nine hundred and fifty-six (956) feet more or less by land of Roy Parker to a stake and stone at land now or formerly of Whiting and Depew, thence;

(3) Southwesterly by various courses a distance of fifteen hundred and seventy-nine (1579) feet more or less along a fence by land of Whiting and Depew to a stone bound at land now or formerly of Harry Carter, thence;

(4) North 85 degrees 35 minutes West a distance of three hundred and sixty-one (361) feet along a wall by land of Carter to the edge of the swamp, thence;

(5) A thousand (1000) feet more or less across the swamp by land of Carter and land now or formerly of N. A. Hathaway and land now or formerly of John Wilson to a point, thence;

(6) North 88 degrees west a distance of two hundred (200) feet by land of Wilson to a point, thence;

(7) North 80 degrees West a distance of sixty-eight (68) feet by land of Wilson to an iron pin, thence;

(8) North 19 degrees 45 minutes East a distance of eight hundred and seventeen (817) feet by land of Edward G. Masten to an iron pin, thence;

(9) By an angle to the right of 100 degrees and 50 minutes a distance of six hundred and seven and two-tenths (607.2) feet to an iron pin, thence;

(10) By a curve to the right having a radius of 1383.19 feet and a length of 262.2 feet to an iron pin by land of W. Robert Nolte, thence;

(11) By an angle to the right a distance of 104.1 feet by land of W. Robert Nolte to the southeast corner of land of Paul Antonelli, thence;

(12) Northerly by said Antonelli land a distance of eighty (80) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 61.5 acres more or less.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article 9. Do you favor amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst to allow the reclassification of the area south of the Baboosic Lake road, east of 101 and north of Thornton Ferry No. 1 from Residential and Rural to Commercial.

Yes ..... No .....

ARTICLE NO. 10
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V, entitled "Special Exceptions," of the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance of 1963, as amended, by adding thereto the following new section:

Section 5-8: Special Exception for Cluster Development

A. For the purpose of encouraging the preservation of open space and promoting the more efficient use of and in harmony with its natural features and with the general intent of this Zoning Ordinance, to encourage innovations in residential development and renewal so that the growing demands for housing may be met by greater variety in type, design and layout of dwellings and by the conserva-

tion and more efficient use of open space ancillary to said dwellings, and to protect and promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town, an owner or owners of a tract of land, or a duly authorized agent thereof, may, in connection with the submission of a subdivision plan for Planning Board approval, make application to the Board of Adjustment for a special permit excepting his plan from the lot area and frontage requirements of sub-paragraphs 1 and 2 of Paragraph B of Sections 4-3 and 4-5 respectively, of this Zoning Ordinance.

B. After notice and public hearing, and after due consideration of the report and recommendations of the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment may grant such a permit provided that:

1. It finds that the proposed plan will promote the purposes of this section.

2. The number of lots upon which a dwelling could be constructed shall not exceed the number which would be permitted if the entire tract were subdivided into lots conforming to the minimum lot size requirements of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to the district or districts in which such land is situated and conforming to all other requirements.

3. The number of lots upon which a dwelling could be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the preceding sub-paragraph (B.-2.) shall be not less than ten (10).

4. Every lot shall contain not less than the following:

a. RE District — One acre

b. RU District — One acre

5. Every lot shall have a minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet on the principle route of access to the lot.

6. Provision shall be made that at least fifteen per cent (15%) of the land area of the entire tract, exclusive of land set aside for road area, shall be Common Land.

7. Provision shall be made that Common Land shall be owned:

a. In common by the owners of the lots in the tract; or

b. By a membership corporation, trust or association whose members are all the owners of the lots in the tract.

8. Provision shall be made that Common Land shall be:

a. Restricted to one or more of the following uses — recreational, agricultural, conservation or park;

b. Open to such uses and accessible by the owners and occupants of the lots in the tract; and

c. Restricted so that no structure shall be erected thereon except as incident to the above uses.

9. Provision shall be made that each dwelling shall be set back on its lot in conformity with the minimum yard requirements of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to the district or districts in which such land is situated.

C. In connection with an application for a special permit from the Board of Adjustment under this section, the Planning Board shall submit in writing prior to the hearing its recommendation and report to the Board of Adjustment. Such report may be supplemented by a further report if deemed advisable by the Planning Board or requested in writing by the Board of Adjustment as a result of matters brought out in the hearing. The report of the Planning Board shall include at least the following:

1. A determination of the number of lots upon which a dwelling could be constructed if the land were subdivided into lots conforming to the minimum lot size requirement of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to the district or districts in which such land is situated and conforming to all other requirements.
2. A general description of the neighborhood in which the tract lies and the effect of the plan on the area.
3. The extent to which the plan is designed to take advantage of the natural terrain of the tract.
4. The Planning Board's opinion as to the over-all design of the plan and the advisability of granting the special permit.
5. The Board of Adjustment shall give due consideration to the report of the Planning Board and, where the decision of the Board of Adjustment differs from the recommendations of the Planning Board, the reasons therefore shall be clearly stated in writing.

D. Any condition set forth herein requiring a minimum lot area or frontage shall not be construed as purporting to limit the right of the Board of Adjustment to grant a variance therefrom as permitted by law.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article 10. Do you favor amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst to allow Cluster Zoning.

Yes ..... No .....

ARTICLE NO. 11
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4-5, Paragraph B.1. of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst by the following:

Increasing minimum lot area in the rural district to Four (4) Acres, SO THAT THIS SECTION, AS AMENDED, SHALL READ:

Section 4-5 Rural District B. Area and Frontage Requirements.

1. The minimum lot area for any permitted use shall be four acres for any structure other than a two family dwelling in which case the minimum lot area shall be eight acres.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article 11. Do you favor amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst so that in minimum lot sizes in Rural areas of the Town shall be 4 acres for a single family dwelling and 8 acres for a two family dwelling.

Yes ..... No .....

ARTICLE NO. 12
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4-5 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst by the following:

Increasing the minimum lot area for a two family dwelling to double that required for a single family dwelling SO THAT THIS SECTION AS AMENDED SHALL READ:

Section 4-5 Rural District B. Area and Frontage Requirements.

3. The minimum lot area for any two family dwelling shall be double the acreage required for a single family dwelling.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article 12. Do you favor amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst so that the minimum lot size for a two family dwelling shall be double that required for a single family dwelling.

Yes ..... No .....

ARTICLE NO. 13

To see if the Town will vote to become a member of a Nashua Regional Planning Agency. This agency will have a membership of at least two of the municipalities in the Nashua area. The objective of this agency will be to plan for and encourage regional planning analysis, provide concensus on major problems of regional concern, and to assist in the effectuation of projects which extend beyond the boundaries of a particular Town. The Agency will have no jurisdiction over any matter of local affairs. It will be primarily advisory. Two members of the regional planning agency shall be from Amherst, to be appointed by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE NO. 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of .15 per capita $570. to finance studies to be conducted by the regional planning agency. The monies will be used for financing planning studies which must be approved by the regional planning agency. These funds may be used in conjunction with other State and Federal funds available for planning purposes. A vote on this Article is contingent upon Town Meeting approval of the prior Article.

ARTICLE NO. 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of $7,660.00 to complete the construction of the bridge over the Boston Post Road near the Wilkins School, the additional monies being necessary due to an increase in the contract price over the estimate given the Town by the State and the need to open the Jones Road to traffic as a detour during construction, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for the establishment of a capital reserve fund for the financing of all or part of the cost of the construction of a fire station and the acquisition of a fire truck, the same to be located in the southern section of the Town, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 17

(By Petition)

That the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire submit their budget to the voters with a line item budget which clearly indicates how much money is appropriated for a specific item and that they be authorized and instructed to spend no more than the amount that is appropriated for that item.

ARTICLE NO. 18

(By Petition)

That the Selectmen be empowered, authorized and instructed to immediately appraise all unimproved land that is subdivided for residential use and that said land be assessed a tax that is based on the Fair Market Value of the said land as determined by the appraisal.

ARTICLE NO. 19

(By Petition)

That the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire levy a new building tax of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for each new single family dwelling and four thousand ($4,000.00) for for each new duplex dwelling. The building tax shall be due when the structures are 50% complete. This tax is to take effect immediately. All revenues for this building tax are to be held in escrow for the purpose of building new schools and new school additions.

ARTICLE NO. 20
(By Petition)

That the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire make public all building records and so-called worksheets. Also, to keep accurate public records of how Fair Market values of real property, land and houses, are reached and what those valuations are based upon.

ARTICLE NO. 21
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will allow the Historical Society of Amherst, New Hampshire, Inc., provided that a variance can be obtained from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to build a building at the expense of the Historical Society on the vacant land between the Brick School and the former Chapel, of sufficient size to house the hand tubs owned by the Town and the Stage Coach owned by the Society; such building to be the property of the Town and maintained by the Historical Society, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 22

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, 1969

J. MERRILL HINES
MERIC G. ARNOLD
HERMON W. ANDERSON
Selectmen of Amherst

A true Copy Attest:

J. MERRILL HINES
MERIC G. ARNOLD
HERMON W. ANDERSON
Selectmen of Amherst

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969
Compared with
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1968

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1968	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1968	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1969
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 26,000.00	$ 28,334.00	$ 28,000.00
Railroad Tax	10.00	0.00	0.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,300.00	0.00	0.00
Meals and Rooms Tax		6,451.56	6,000.00
Reimbursement a/c OAA		38.71	
Reimbursement — Town Officers' Exp.		7.00	
Reimbursement a/c Land		64.42	
Reimbursement — Recreation		1,806.00	
Reimbursement — Police		51.00	
Fire Training		35.13	
For Fighting Forest Fires		84.89	
Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,605.35	1,500.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	80.00	174.75	100.00
Fees		106.63	50.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	1,600.00	2,175.40	2,080.00
Int. rec'd. on Taxes & Deposits	1,000.00		1,000.00
Oiling		16,312.00	
Highway, inc. rental of equip.		2,907.63	
Highway, Summer		201.74	
Highway, Winter		86.00	
Social Security	600.00	908.81	900.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	39 000.00	47,920.70	41,000.00
Insurance Adjustment		226.40	
Sale of Maps		122.85	
Town Poor		25.15	
Amount raised by issue of Bonds or Notes		105,000.00	
Trust Funds		500.00	
Cemeteries		2,527.25	
Trustees		1,782.00	

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1968	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1968	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1969
Article 15		254.60	
Tree Committee		18.05	
Checks Returned		113.31	
Loan Account Payment		1,950.00	
Poll Taxes — Regular at $2	2,800.00	2,492.00	2,900.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	300.00	428.10	400.00
Yield Taxes	200.00	1,288.88	500.00
Total Revenue from All Sources except Property Taxes		$226.000.96	
		792,743.79	
Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes			
Total Revenues		$1,018,744.75	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1968		23,187.03	
		$1,041,931.78	

PURPOSES OF Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1968	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1968	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1969
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 4,875.00	$ 4,750.00	$ 7,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	8,000.00	6,914.54	11,250.00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,000.00	1,261.74	400.00
Planning	575.00	337.40	1,100.00
Expenses Town Hall	3,000.00	2,562.82	2,500.00
Mapping	600.00	1,191.85	50.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,200.00	2,034.43	1,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	7,100.00	8,714.00	13,600.00
Fire Department	9,280.00	10,307.54	10,900.00
Moth Exterm. — Blister Rust and Care of Trees	2,625.00	2,645.65	3,375.00

PURPOSES OF Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1968	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1968	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1969
Insurance	4,800.00	4,902.08	5,500.00
Zoning	500.00	132.25	250.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	750.00	3,538.05	3.000.00
Civil Defense	380.00	426.15	450.00
Health Dept., inc. Hospitals	450.00	532.00	550.00
Vital Statistics	85.00	112.35	100.00
Oiling	16,330.00	32,891.07	18,310.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,290.00	1,720.40	1,500.00
Town Maint. — Summer	11,698.00	12,405.58	14,360.00
Town Maint. — Winter	22.231.00	30 190.52	28,000.00
Street Lighting	2,700.00	2,750.00	2,900.00
General Exp. of Hgwy. Dept.	2,500.00	5.043.64	3,000.00
Town Road Aid	1.707.68	1,707.68	1,754.76
Libraries	5,380.91	5,380.91	7,906.67
Town Poor	2,500.00	752.86	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	2,332.36	5,000.00
Memorial Day and Veterans' Assoc.	300.00	272.50	300.00
Aid to Soldiers & their families	500.00	0.00	500.00
Recreation	1,300.00	3,113.02	1,585.00
Parks and Playgrounds, incl. Band Concerts	1,400.00	1,934.28	1,600.00
Communications Center	3,000.00	2,630.56	5,100.00
Cemeteries	2,125.00	4,834.49	2.765.00
Brick School	2,200.00	3,542.17	2,800.00
Conservation	500.00	1,084.00	500.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	500.00	1,505.50	1,000.00
Hydrant Rental	1,805.00	1,810.00	1,810.00
Total Expenditures	$113,187.59	$116.265.11	$163,816.43

Article 4, Road Improvement	924.13	
Article 14, Monument	525.00	
Article 15, Bridge	13,539.27	
Article 16, Clock	125.00	
Sprague Road	3,561.30	
Temporary Loans	105,000.00	
County of Hillsborough	37,611.80	
Amherst Village District	2,059.32	
Taxes Bought by Town	7,625.84	
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	2,475.80	
Auto Reg.	3,404.53	
State Head Tax	9,596.50	
Yield Taxes	122.17	
Cemetery Trustees	1,782.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	500.00	
School District of Amherst	107,000.00	('67-'68)
	557,548.00	('68-'69)
Total Expended	$1,019,665.77	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1968	22,266.01	
	$1,041,931.78	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES – 1968
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1968

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Receipts	Amt. Avail.	Expended	Over	Under	Estimated
Town officers' salaries	$ 4,875.00		$ 4,875.00	$ 4,750.00		$ 125.00	$ 7,100.00
Town officers' expenses	8,000.00	$ 181.75	8,181.75	6,914.54		1,267.21	11,250.00
Election and registration	1,000.00	106.63	1,106.63	1,261.74	$ 155.11		400.00
Planning and Art. 22	575.00		575.00	337.40		237.60	1,100.00
Town hall	3,000.00	695.40	3,695.40	2,562.82		1,132.58	2,500.00
Social security	1,200.00	908.81	2,108.81	2,034.43		74.38	1,500.00
Police	7,100.00	51.00	7,171.00	8,714.00	1,563.00		13,600.00
Mapping	600.00	122.85	722.85	1,191.85	469.00		50.00
Fire	9,280.00	120.02	9,400.02	10,307.54	907.52		10,900.00
Blister rust and care of trees	2,625.00	18.05	2,643.05	2,645.65	2.60		3,375.00
Insurance	4,800.00	58.63	4,858.63	4,902.08	43.45		5,500.00
Zoning	500.00		500.00	132.25		367.75	250.00
Damages and legal	750.00	1,605.35	2,355.35	3,538.05	1,182.70		3,000.00
Civil defense	380.00		380.00	426.15	46.15		450.00
Health and nursing	450.00		450.00	532.00	82.00		550.00
Vital statistics	85.00		85.00	112.85	27.85		100.00
Recreation	1,300.00	1,806.00	3,106.00	3,113.02	7.02		1,585.00
Dumps	1,290.00		1,290.00	1,720.40	430.40		1,500.00
Summer maintenance	11,698.00	201.74	11,899.74	12,405.58	505.84		14,360.00
Winter maintenance	22,231.00	86.00	22,317.00	30,190.52	7,873.52		28,000.00

Street lights	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,750.22	50.22		2,900.00
General expense—highway	2,500.00	2,907.63	5,407.63	5,043.64		363.99	3,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,707.68		1,707.68	1,707.68			1,754.76
Libraries	5,380.91		5,380.91	5,380.91			7,906.67
Old age assistance	8,000.00	38.71	8,038.71	2,332.36		5,706.35	5,000.00
Town poor	2,500.00	25.15	2,525.15	752.86		1,772.29	1,500.00
Veterans' aid	500.00		500.00	0.00		500.00	500.00
Memorial Day	300.00		300.00	272.50		27.50	300.00
Parks and playgrounds	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,934.28	534.28		1,600.00
Oiling	16,330.00	16,312.00	32,642.00	32,891.07	249.07		18,310.00
Cemeteries	2,125.00	2,527.25	4,652.25	4,834.49	182 24		2,765.00
Brick School	2,200.00	1,647.77	3.847.77	3,542.17		305.60	2,800.00
Conservation	500.00		500.00	1,084.00	584.00		500.00
Communications Center	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,630.56		369.44	5,100.00
Hydrant rental	1,805.00		1,805.00	1.810.00	5.00		1,810.00
Interest	500.00		500.00	1,505.50	1,005.50		1,000.00
Art. 4—Road	1,000.00		1,000.00	924.13		75.87	
Art. 14—Monument	375.00		375.00	525.00	150.00		
Art. 15—Bridge	20,000.00	254.60	20,254.60	13,539.27		6,715.33*	
Art. 16—Town clock	200.00		200.00	125.00		75.00	
Art. 17—Sidewalk	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00*	
Sprague road	0.00		0.00	3,561.30	3,561.30		
TOTAL	$155,962.59	$ 29,675.34	$185,637.93	$184,939.81	$19,617.77	$20,315.89	$163,816.43
					698.12		20,743.00
					$20,315.89		$184,559.43

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Receipts	Amt. Avail.	Expended	Over	Under	Estimated
Temporary loans		105,000.00	105,000.00	105,000.00			
County of Hillsborough	37,611.80		37,611.80	37,611.80			
Amherst Village District	2,059.32		2,059.32	2,059.32			
Taxes bought by town				7,625.84			
Discounts, abatements				2,475.80			
Auto		47,920.70	47,920.70	3,404.53			
State head taxes				9,596.50			
Yield taxes				122.17			
Cemetery trustees		1,782.00	1,782.00	1,782.00			
Trustees of trust funds		500.00	500.00	500.00			
School District of Amherst				107,000.00('67-'68)			
	674,548.00			557,548.00('68-'69) Bal. Due $117,000.00			
Taxes collected		796,952.77	796,952.77				
State sources		34,850.63	34,850.63				
Cemetery Trustees loan		1,950.00	1,950.00				
Miscellaneous income		113.31	113.31				
		1,018,744.75		1,019,665.77			
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1968		23,187.03					
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1968				22,266.01			
GRAND TOTAL		1,041,931.78		1,041,931.78			

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY STATEMENT

Summary: Inventory, Appropriations and Tax Rate

Description of Property	1967 No.	1967 Valuation	1968 No.	1968 Valuation
Land and Buildings		$19,750,765		$ 5,618,775
				17,410,140
Factory Buildings		97,890		106,360
Factory Machinery		9,240		9,600
Electric Plants		478,240		505,880
House trailers	51	112,430	63	167,180
Stock in trade merchants		290,940		288,715
Stock in trade manufacturer		25,070		32,655
Boats	39	16,895	45	11,935
Dairy cows	538	53,800	524	52,400
Poultry	12513	3,135	14510	3,635
Gas pumps		6,290		6,160
Portable mill		750		
Road building equipment		8,630		9,210
Total valuation before exemption		$20,854,075		$24,222,645
Neat stock exemptions		4,700		7,700
Poultry exemption		1,250		1,540
*War service exemptions	198	205,000	331	
		$20,643,125		$24,213,405

*War service exemption shows in 1968 on the Statement of Appropriations.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 4,875 00
Town Office Administrative Expenses	8,000 00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,000 00
Planning Board and Art. 22	575 00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	3,000 00
Social Security and Retirement Contributions	1,200 00
Police Department	7,100 00
Mapping	600 00
Fire Department	9,280 00
Blister Rust – Moth Extermination & Care of Trees	2,625 00
Insurance	4,800 00
Zoning	500 00
Damages and Legal Expenses	750 00
Civilian Defense	380 00
Health Dept. $50; Nursing $400	450 00
Vital Statistics	85 00
Recreation Committee	1,300 00
Dump and Garbage Collection	1,290 00
Town Maintenance:	
(Summer $11,698) (Winter $22,231)	33,929 00
Street Lighting	2,700 00
General Expenses of Highway Department	2,500 00
Town Road Aid	1,707 68
Libraries	5,380 91
Old Age Assistance	8,000 00
Public Relief:	
(Town Poor $2,500) (Veterans' Aid $500)	3,000 00
Memorial Day	300 00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,400 00
Oiling	16,330 00
Cemeteries	2,125 00
Conservation	500 00
Brick School	2,200 00
New Construction (Bridges $20,000)	20,000 00
Communications Center	3,000 00

Art. 17 – Sidewalk		1,200 00
Hydrant Rental		1,805 00
Payment on Debt (Interest $500)		500 00
Road Improvement – Art. 4		1,000 00
Monument – Art. 14		375 00
Town Clock – Art. 16		200 00
Total Town Appropriation		$155,962 59
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 26,648 40	
Railroad Tax	10 00	
Savings Bank Tax	1,686 25	
Meals and Rooms Tax	6,458 00	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	9 00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,074 00	
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	1,700 00	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	100 00	
Dog Licenses	1,400 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	40,000 00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	2,000 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	398 10	
Poll Taxes at $2.00 (1968 Warrant)	3,270 00	
Total Revenues and Credits		$ 84,753 75
Net Town Appropriations		71,208 84
Net School Appropriations		674,548 00
County Tax Assessment		37,611 80
Total of Town, School and County		$783,368 64
Add: War Service Tax Credits		16,550 00
Add: Overlay		8,809 09
Property Taxes to be Raised		$808,727 73

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Gross Property	$808,727 73
Precinct Taxes	2,273 90
Total Taxes	$811,001 63
Less Expenses	16,550 00
Net	$794,451 63
Poll and National Bank Stock Taxes	3,668 10
Total Taxes to be Committed	$798,119 73

Tax Rates:

Town	$ .39
County	.16
School District	2.78
Precinct	.05

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	$ 22,266 01
Capital Reserve Funds —Fire Truck Funds	2,056 93
Unredeemed taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1967	2,697 27
(c) Levy of 1966	906 74
(d) Previous Years	224 16
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1968	116,154 25
(b) Levy of 1967	12 56
(d) Previous Years	152 97
(e) State Head Taxes – Levy of 1968	1,890 00
(f) State Head Taxes – Previous Years	15 00
Total Asset	$146,375 89

Net Surplus, December 31, 1967	$19,841 18	
Net Surplus, December 31, 1968	17,320 25	
Decrease of Surplus	$ 2,520 93	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Article No. 17 Sidewalk	$ 1,200 00
Article No. 15 Bridge	6,715 00
(a) State Head Taxes – 1968 (Uncollected $1890) (Collected – not remitted to State Treas. $175.00)	2,065 00
(b) Yield Tax – Bond & Debt Retirement (Uncollected $ .71)	
Due to School Districts:	117,000 00
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Fire Truck Fund	2,056 93
Total Liabilities	$129,037 64
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	17,320 25
Grand Total	$146,357 89

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes — 1968	$675,972 00	
Poll Taxes — 1968	2,492 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes — 1968	428 10	
Yield Taxes — 1968	1,288 88	
State Head Taxes at $5 — 1968	7,990 00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$ 688,170 98
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years		96,489 04
Poll Taxes — Previous Years		534 00
State Head Taxes at $5 — Previous Years		1,665 00
Interest received on Taxes		2,043 27
Penalties on State Head Taxes		150 00
Tax sales redeemed		7,900 48
General Expense of Highways		2,907 63
Winter Maintainence		86 00
Summer Maintainence		201 74
Oiling		16,312 00
Interest and dividends tax		28,334 65
Reimbursement a/c State Federal forest lands		64 42
Recreation		1,806 00
Police		51 00
Fire Training Meetings		35 13
Fighting forest fires		84 89
Reimbursement to Expenses		7 00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		38 71
Meals and Rooms Tax		6,451 56
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		1,605 35
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		174 75
Fines, Filing Fees, Election Reimb.		106 63
Rent of Town Property		2,175 40

Motor vehicle permits (1967 – $806.60) (1968 – $47,114.20)	47,920 70
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	105,000 00
Insurance adjustments	226 40
New Trust Funds received during year	500 00
Credit Cemeteries	2,527 25
Credit Trustees of Cemeteries	1,782 00
Credit Article No. 15 Bridge	254 60
Credit Tree Committee	18 05
Cancelled Checks	113 31
Trustees of Cemeteries, Final loan payment	1,950 00
Social Security Contributions	908 81
Sale of Maps	122 85
Reimb. Town Poor	25 15
Total Receipt from All Sources	$1,018,744 75
Cash on hand January 1, 1968	23,187 03
Grand Total	$1,041,931 78

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	$ 4,750 00
Town officers' expenses	6,914 54
Election and registration expenses	1,261 74
Brick School	3,542 17
Expenses town hall and other buildings	2,562 82
Mapping	1,191 85
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	8,714 00
Auto Registration	3,404 53
Fire department, including forest fires	10,307 54
Moth extermination – Blister Rust and Care of Trees	2,645 65

Planning and Zoning	469 65
Insurance	4,902 08
Civil Defense	426 15
Conservation	1,084 00
Health:	
Health department, including hospitals	532 00
Vital statistics	112 85
Oiling	32,891 07
Town dumps and garbage removal	1,720 40
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	1,707 68
Town Maintenance (Summer — $12,405.58) (Winter — $30,190.52)	42,596 10
Street lighting	2,750 22
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,043 64
Libraries:	
Libraries	5,380 91
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	2,332 36
Town poor	752 86
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	272 50
Recreation:	
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	1,934 28
Public Service Enterprises:	
Recreation	3,113 02
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	4,834 49
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses	3,538 05
Taxes bought by town	7,625 84
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	2,475 80

Employees' Retirement and Social Security		2,034 43
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		1,505 50
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges – Article No. 4		924 13
Water Works rentals		1,810 00
Community Center		2,630 56
Head Tax Commission		820 50
Article No. 14 Monument		525 00
Article No. 15 Bridge		13,539 27
Article No. 16 Clock		125 00
Sprague Road		3,561 30
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		105,000 00
Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Funds)		2,282 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid State Treasurer (1968 $7,033.50) (Prior Yrs. $1,742.50)		8,776 00
Payments to State a/c Yield Tax Debt Retirement		122 17
Taxes paid to County		37,611 80
Payments to Precincts		2,059 32
Payments to School Districts: (1967 Tax $107,000.00) (1968 Tax $557,548.00)		664,548 00
Total Payments for all Purposes		$1,019,665 77
Cash on Hand December 31, 1968		22,266 01
Grand Total		$1,041,931 78

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 80,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	50,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	7,000 00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	1,000 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	19,000 00
Equipment	38,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	12,000 00
Equipment	34,000 00
Annex	10,500 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000 00
Brick School	77,000 00
Contents	1,000 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	519,000 00
Equipment	202,000 00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Dump	2,120 00
Goodwin Building	2,700 00
Chandler Lot	350 00
Melendy Lot	1,590 00
White Building and Land	3,090 00
Gelinis Land	960 00
Broadway Land	2,330 00
Baboosic Dump Site	1,990 00
O'dell Meadow, Conservation Commission	1,400 00
Total	$1,077,030 00

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Amherst – December 31, 1968

NONE

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

116	Auto Permits (1967)	$ 806 50	
2963	Auto Permits (1968)	47,114 20	
			$47,920 70

Dog Account

121	Fines	$ 121 00	
9	Kennel Licenses	151 00	
69	Female Dogs	345 00	
526	Male or spayed dogs	1,052 00	
36	Part year licenses	64 35	
			$1,733 35
640	licenses at 20 cents each paid to Town Clerk		128 00
	Paid to Treasurer		$1,605 35

Notice to Owners and Keepers of Dogs .

Every owner or keeper of a dog THREE MONTHS old or over shall Annually on or before the 30th day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May, in the office of the clerk of the town wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with a registered number.

ALL dogs must be vaccinated against rabies in the state's attempt to prevent the spread of this killing disease.

Male or spayed dogs $2.00 — female dogs $5.00. $1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st.

Report lost tags to Town Clerk for replacement.

Be sure to have tag on dog especially when away from premises. An untagged dog is a stray dog and may be picked up by the dog officer and taken to the Animal Rescue league.

Police Department and Town Clerk would appreciate a little more cooperation regarding your pets.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1968

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$794,536 09	
Poll Taxes	3,270 00	
National Bank Stock	428 10	
Total Warrant		$798,234 19
Yield Taxes		1,288 88
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	$ 972 89	
Poll Taxes	54 00	
		1,026 89
Interest Collected		25 78
Total Debits		$800,575 74

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$675,972 00	
Poll Taxes	2,492 00	
National Bank Stock	428 10	
Yield Taxes	1,288 88	
Interest	25 78	
		$680,206 76
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	$ 4,044 73	
Poll Taxes	170 00	
		4,214 73
Uncollected as Per List:		
Property Taxes	$115,492 25	
Poll Taxes	662 00	
		116,154 25
Total Credits		$800,575 74

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1968

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	$10,000 00	
Added Taxes	145 00	
Total Commitment		$10,145 00
Penalties Collected		6 00
Total Debits		$10,151 00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	$ 7,990 00	
Penalties	6 00	
Total Remitted		$ 7,996 00
Abatements		265 00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per list		1,890 00
Total Credits		$10,151.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property and Poll Taxes

LEVY OF 1967

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1968:		
Property Taxes	$96,599 95	
Added Taxes	38 44	
Overpayments	444 93	
Total		$97,083 32
Poll Taxes	$ 722 00	
Added Taxes	18 00	
Total Polls		740 00
Interest Collected During Fiscal 1968		1,514 68
Total Debits		$99,338 00

	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$96,473 94	
Poll Taxes	530 00	
Interest Collected	1,514 68	
Total Remitted		$98,518 62
Abatements Made During 1968:		
Property Taxes	$ 602 82	
Poll Taxes	204 00	
Total Abatements		806 82
Uncollected as per list:		
Property Tax	$ 6 56	
Poll Taxes	6 00	
		12 56
Total Credits		$99,338 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1967

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes January 1, 1968	$2,065 00	
Added During 1968	75 00	
Penalties Collected 1968	144 00	
Total Debits		$ 2,284 00
	Cr.	
Remittances Made to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	$1,655 00	
Penalties	144 00	
		$ 1,799 00
Abatements During 1968	470 00	
Uncollected as per list	15 00	
		485 00
Total Credits		$ 2,284 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax 1966

	Dr.	
Uncollected January 1, 1968		$ 40 00
	Cr.	
Remittance to Treasurer		$ 10 00
Abated		$ 30 00
Total Credits		$ 40 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property and Poll Taxes 1966

	Dr.	
Uncollected January 1, 1968		
Property	$15 10	
Poll Taxes	16 00	
Total		$ 31 10
	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$15 10	
Poll Taxes	4 00	
Total		19 10
Abated Poll Taxes		12 00
Total		$ 31 10

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Prior Years Yield

Dr.	
Uncollected January 1, 1968	$ 152 99
Cr.	
Uncollected December 31, 1968	$ 152 99

Summary of Tax Sale Accounts — As of December 31, 1968

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1967	1966	Previous
Taxes Sold During 1968:	$7,425.02		
Balance Unredeemed Taxes		$2,521.91	$1,786.20
Interest Collected	76.53	158.35	232.16
Total Debits	$7,501.55	$2,680.26	$2,018.36
	Cr.		
Remittances to Treasurer	$4,727.75	$1,615.17	$1,558.14
Interest Remitted	76.53	158.35	232.16
Abatements Made 1968			3.90
Unredeemed taxes Dec. 31, 1968	2,697.27	906.74	224.16
Total Credits	$7,501.55	$2,680.26	$2,018.36

UNREDEEMED TAXES ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1967	1966	Previous
Roland Levesque			$161.72
William Beach			62.44
Marcel Demers	$ 236.39	$202.25	
Marcel Demers	235.93	211.89	
Hannah Clear Heirs	108.83	97.52	
Karl Wheeler		9.21	
Donald Holt		9.30	
Unknown Blood	11.88	9.84	
Milton Glover	51.76	45.92	
Joe Cassarino	13.86	13.62	
	17.85	16.80	
	19.07	18.30	
	18.76	17.97	
	17.85	17.19	
	18.76	17.97	
	18.76	17.97	
	16.96	17.19	
	89.52	79.59	
	16.00	15.54	
	18.76	17.97	
	17.85		
Brooks Heirs	59.74	53.13	
Unknown		17.57	
John Liljeberg	3.99		
Donald Grant	63.45		
Harry Monson	101.35		
Allen Crooker	7.74		
Walter Lloyd	231.42		
Rose Kierstead	314.79		
Charles Harvey	638.19		
Bernard Fifield	225.79		
Clayton Miller	31.19		
Unknown	23.50		
	38.25		
	29.08		
	$2,697.27	$906.74	$224.16

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

Cash on hand January 1, 1968		$ 23,187 03
Received from:		
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector		796,952 77
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk		
Auto Permits (1967)	$ 806 50	
Auto Permits (1968)	47,114 20	
		47,920 70
Dog Licenses		1,605 35
Gifts—Perpetual Care		
Mrs. George T. Doran	100 00	
Mr. William Hendrix	100 00	
Mr. Vernon Mason	100 00	
Mrs. Edith McCreary	100 00	
Mr. W. Marcotte (Huskie Lot)	100 00	
		500 00
Richard G. Crocker		
Sale Cemetery lots	800 00	
Burials	645 00	
Annual card-gifts-flowers	327 00	
Trust Funds for Cemetery Care	2,527 25	
Sale of Old Mower	10 00	
		4,309 25
Selectmen		
Head tax refund	81 75	
Pool table permits	8 00	
License to solicit	10 00	
Communications Antenna	25 00	
Insurance refund — vandalism and wind damage	226 40	
Junk yard permits	50 00	
		401 15

Credit Town Officers		
J. Merrill Hines	4 00	
Reginald Going	3 00	
		7 00
Police Department		
Bike Tags	19 00	
Pistol Permits	32 00	
		51 00
Town Hall Rentals		
Amherst Assemblies	60 00	
Ernest George	20 00	
Amherst Ski-Club	30 00	
Political meetings	30 00	
Souhegan Grange	75 00	
Amherst School District	470 40	
Century Club	10 00	
		695 40
Filings, Officers, Town Meeting and Election	24 00	
Amherst School District	82 63	
		106 63
Richard G. Crocker		
General Highway	2,907 63	
Winter Maintenance	86 00	
Summer Maintenance	201 74	
Art. No. 15	254 60	
Oiling	16,312 00	
		19,761 97
Brick School Building		
Jack and Jill Kindergarten	1,280 00	
Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts	200 00	
		1,480 00
State of New Hampshire		
Training Meetings – Fire Dept.	35 13	
Forest Fires	84 89	
		120 02

Interest and Dividends	28,334 65	
Rooms and Meals tax	6,451 56	
O.A. Recovery	38 71	
Reimbursement Forest Lands	64 42	
		34,889 34
Tree Committee	18 00	
Blister Rust Control	05	
		18 05
Souhegan National Bank		
Notes in anticipation of taxes		105,000 00
Check No. 16-302-470 cancelled		113 31
Cemetery Trustees		
On account loan, final payment		1,950 00
Recreation		1,806 00
Social Security, withholding Highway Dept.		
Library		908 81
Sale maps		122 85
Credit Town Poor account		25 15
		$1,018,744 75
On Hand January 1, 1968		23,187 03
Total		$1,041,931 78

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS — 1968

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation	$ 4,875 00	
Expended:		
J. Merrill Hines, Selectman	$ 750 00	
Hermon W. Anderson, Selectman	750 00	
Meric Arnold, Selectman	375 00	
Dewey W. Smith, Selectman	250 00	
Catherine Kruger, Clerk	400 00	
Catherine Kruger, Treasurer	500 00	
Barbara Landry, Collector	1,500 00	
David Ramsay, Trustee	75 00	
Orson Bragdon, Auditor	75 00	
Stephen Noble, Auditor	75 00	
		$ 4,750 00

Town Officers' Expenses

Appropriation	$ 8,000 00	
Head Tax Reimbursement	81 75	
Pool Table License	8 00	
Solicitors' License	10 00	
Antenna Permit	25 00	
Junk Yard Permits	50 00	
Deed Copies	7 00	
	$ 8,181 75	
Expended:		
Telephone Extension	$ 15 00	
Repairs	82 75	
Boat Inventories	34 80	
Book Binding	62 00	
Postage	580 95	
Meeting Expenses	273 35	
Dues	131 05	
Mileage	451 80	
Printing	1,966 05	
Registry Fees	241 38	
Advertising	118 10	

Secretarial Work	2,604 38	
Supplies	354 71	
		$ 6,914 54

Election and Registration

Appropriation	$ 1,000 00	
Filing Fees	24 00	
School District Share	82 63	
	$ 1,106 63	
Expended:		
Checklists	$ 46 00	
Booths	195 34	
Dean Martin, Janitor	11 07	
Advertising	30 00	
Ballot Clerk, March	222 50	
Ballot Clerks, November	438 75	
Ballot Clerks, September	119 25	
Assistant to Clerk, March	10 00	
Tape, March Meeting	28 50	
Repairs	41 05	
Supplies	43 52	
Ballots	59 77	
Expenses, Misc.	20 99	
		$ 1,266 74

Planning

Appropriation	$ 325 00	
Expended:		
Supplies	$ 5 10	
Advertising	39 00	
Fees	3 30	
Printing	290 00	
		$ 337 40

Zoning

Appropriation	$ 500 00	
Expended:		
Printing	$ 70 50	

Advertising	43 75	
Postage	18 00	
		$ 132 25

Auto Registration

Income	$47,920 70	
Expended:		
Catherine Kruger	$ 3,195 00	
Bernice Boothroyd	185 63	
Office Machines, Rental	16 00	
Supplies	7 90	
		$ 3,404 53

Town Hall

Appropriation	$ 3,000 00	
Rentals	695 40	
	$ 3,695 40	
Expended:		
Christmas Lights	$ 74 50	
Repairs	62 99	
Roofing	175 00	
Town Clock	32 00	
Railings	65 00	
Equipment	92 38	
Locks	44 00	
Oil Tank Fill Valve	41 95	
Roger Clough, Janitor	11 95	
Lovina Procter, Drapes	60 00	
Going's Paint Co.	65 45	
New England Tel. and Tel.	345 64	
Public Service	250 97	
Oil	539 67	
Gas	24 64	
Water	36 20	
Charles Reynolds, Janitor	460 99	
Rubbish Removal	36 00	
Janitor Supplies	15 92	
		$ 2,562 82

Police Department

Appropriation	$ 7,100 00	
Bike Tags	19 00	
Pistol Permits	32 00	
	$ 7,151 00	
Expended:		
Madeline Lynch, Matron	$ 12 25	
Bike Tags	44 57	
Maxine Erikson, Matron	7 00	
Jan Tigchelaar, M.D.	8 00	
Oscar Burns, M.D.	35 00	
George Howland, Radio Repairs	170 05	
Printing	14 00	
Supplies and Uniforms	296 71	
Donald Bourdon, Chief	3,115 93	
Howard French	638 92	
Norman Clarke	1,182 98	
William Morrison	339 46	
Richard French	755 90	
Arthur Merrill	612 28	
Allan Anderson	806 70	
Henry Crook	674 25	
		$ 8,714 00

Fire Department

Appropriation	$ 9,280 00	
State of New Hampshire, Training	35 13	
Forest Fires	84 89	
	$ 9,400 02	
Expended:		
Salaries	$ 1,600 00	
Fire Bill	2,967 57	
Utilities	982 16	
Fire Alarm	124 78	
Gas and Repair	1,219 97	
Hose	1,500 00	
Water Hole	111 20	

Supply and Equipment	696 65	
Reserve	1,000 00	
Training	105 21	
		$10,307 54

Town Road Aid

Appropriation	$ 1,707 68	
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		$ 1,707 68

Highway Department

GENERAL EXPENSE

Appropriation	$ 2,500 00	
Marian Lindabury	24.80	
Town of Mt. Vernon	1,531.10	
Joe Luongo	6 00	
Oliver F. Merrill	261 90	
The Houcks	12 40	
L. G. Huntington	75 00	
Edgar Thibodeau	266 60	
Town of Merrimack	68 20	
Don Wheeler Const. Co.	491 40	
M. E. Young	111 60	
Hanover Insurance Co.	58 60	
	$ 2,907 63	
Expended:		
Utilities	$ 740 99	
Signs	901 06	
Misc. Tools & Supplies	768 90	
Tractor & Grader repairs and fuel	2,632 69	
		$ 5,043 64

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$22,231 00	
Town of Mt. Vernon	36 40	
Edwin Parker	12 40	
Robert Mason	12 40	

M. E. Young	24 80	
	$22,317 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 8,858 91	
Hired Equipment	10,866 25	
Salt, supplies and repairs	10,465 36	
		$30,190 52

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$11,698 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	116 74	
Fred A. Porter	42 80	
Melio Riccitelli	42 80	
	$11,899 74	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 5,540 60	
Hired Equipment	4,631 35	
Materials & Supplies	2,233 63	
		$12,405 58

OILING

Appropriation	$16,330 00	
Currier & Albee	1,600 00	
Oliver F. Merrill	4,300 00	
M. E. Young	1,500 00	
High Range Corp.	6,912 00	
Jasper Valley Dev. Corp.	2,000 00	
	$32,642 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 4,040 60	
Hired Equipment	6,165 80	
Material	9,933 07	
Road Mixing	12,751 60	
		$32,891 07

CEMETERIES

Appropriation	$ 2,125 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	2,527 25	
	$ 4,652 25	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 2,286 45	
Hired Equipment	1,062 20	
Repairs & Supplies	1,485 84	
		$ 4,834 49

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation	$ 1,400 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 1,211 25	
Hired Equipment	398 70	
Repairs & Supplies	324 33	
		$ 1,934 28

DUMP

Appropriation	$ 1,290 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 896 90	
Hired Equipment	583 50	
Rat Control	240 00	
		$ 1,720 40

ARTICLE NO 4

Appropriation	$ 1,000 00	
Expended:		
Culvert Pipe		$ 924 13

Blister Rust and Tree Care

Appropriation	$ 2,625 00	
Income	18 05	
	$ 2,643 05	
Expended:		
Ronald Berlack	$ 20 00	
Allen Howard	25 00	

F. Tenney Clough	37 00	
Guy Nelson	50 00	
E. C. Hopkins	69 50	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	150 00	
New England Tree	125 00	
Oliver Merrill	1,042 00	
Bartlett Tree Service	951 00	
Gem Evergreen	128 15	
Lang's Colonial Gardens	48 00	
		$ 2,645 65

Conservation Commission

Appropriation	$ 500 00	
Expended:		
Balance for Odell Land	$ 385 00	
W. Robert Nolte, Survey	621 00	
Society for Protection of Forests	58 00	
St. Anselm's	20 00	
		$ 1,084 00

Insurance

Appropriation	$ 4,800 00	
Recovery	58 63	
	$ 4,858 63	
Expended:		
Henderson-Whaland	$ 4,843 45	
E. P. Hallet Co.	58 63	
		$ 4,902 08

Civil Defense

Appropriation	$ 380 00	
Expended:		
Motorola Communications	$ 290 00	
Roy Maston, Expenses	12 00	
Phillip Morris	78 55	
Supplies	45 60	
		$ 426 15

Health Department

Appropriation	$ 450 00	
Expended:		
Printing	$ 122 00	
Souhegan Nursing	400 00	
Dr. Oscar Burns	10 00	
		$ 532 00

Vital Statistics

Appropriation	$ 85 00	
Expended:		
Catherine Kruger, Fees	$ 89 50	
A. L. Martel, Binders	23 35	
		$ 112 85

Street Lighting

Appropriation	$ 2,700 00	
Expended:		
Public Service Co. of N. H.		$ 2,750 22

Amherst Library

Appropriation	$ 5,380 91	
Expended:		
Amherst Town Library		$ 5,380 91

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$ 8,000 00	
Recovery	38 71	
	$ 8,038 71	
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		$ 2,332 36

Town Poor

Appropriation	$ 2,500 00	
Credit, Town Poor	25 15	
	$ 2,525 15	
Expended:		
J. Merrill Hines, Overseer	$ 200 00	
Case No. 1	101 70	

Case No. 2	335 04	
Case No. 3	46 12	
Case No. 4	50 00	
Case No. 5	20 00	
		$ 752 86

Sprague Road

Appropriation	$ 00 00	
Expended:		
By Order of County		$ 3,561 30

Article No. 14 Monument

Appropriation	$ 375 00	
Expended:		
Melio Riccitelli		$ 525 00

Article No. 15 Bridge

Appropriation	$20,000 00	
Received Summer Maintenance	254 60	
	$20,254 60	
Expended:		
Treasurer, State of N. H.	$10,971 00	
Richard Crocker, Jones Road	1,649 47	
Chg. Summer Maintenance	254 60	
New England Culvert Co.	664 20	
		$13,539 27

Article No 16 Town Clock

Appropriation	$ 200 00	
Expended:		
F. Tenney Clough		$ 125 00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	$ 300 00	
Expended:		
Rodney Woodman	$ 22 50	
Manchester Boys' Club, Band	75 00	
Vincent Ferdinando, Band	175 00	
		$ 272 50

Recreation Committee

Appropriation	$ 1,300 00	
Credits	1,806 00	
	$ 3,106 00	
Expended:		
Amherst Village District	$ 78 15	
F. Tenney Clough, Treas.	1,550 00	
Bel Adire Costume, Play	15 75	
Norge Village, Play	7 66	
Youth Tennis	540 00	
Walter Baker Plays	29 58	
William Johnson, Supply Bills	330 15	
Supply and Equipment	72 03	
N. H. Fence	275 00	
Charles Thygeson, Bubbler	9 13	
Petty Cash	15 00	
Henry Mastey	5 00	
Program Aids, Mats	115 60	
Cabinet Press, Adv.	15 00	
Basketball Posts, etc.	54 97	
		$ 3,113 02

Damages and Legal Expenses

Appropriation	$ 750 00	
Dog Licenses	1,605 35	
	$ 2,355 35	
Expended:		
C. J. Lincoln, Fees	$ 1,088 50	
Howard French, Dog Officer	100 00	
Thomas Stearns, Dog Damage	30 00	
Licenses and Tags	72 75	
Advertising	4 50	
James McKean, Dog Officer	53 10	
Henry Curtis, Dog Damage	300 00	
Jasper Poultry Farm, Dog Damage	534 10	
Catherine Kruger, Rabies Clinic	3 00	

Carl Randall, Clerk. Roberge Land	1,000 00	
Robert Nolte, Surveying	271 50	
Advertising	10 50	
Donna Anderson, Clinic	3 00	
Wheeler and Clarke, Licenses	53 10	
N. H. Humane Society	14 00	
		$ 3,538 05

Taxes Bought by Town

Expended:		
Fees	$ 81 00	
Barbara Landry, Expenses	242 43	
Barbara Landry, Collector	7,302 41	
		$ 7,625 84

Discounts, Abatements and Refunds

Expended:		$ 2,475 80

Retirement and Social Security

Appropriation	$ 1,200 00	
Income from Departments	908 81	
	$ 2,108 81	
Expended:		
Catherine Kruger, Bookkeeping	$ 100 00	
State of New Hampshire	1,934 43	
		$ 2,034 43

Brick School

Appropriation	$ 1,000 00	
Jack and Jill	1,280 00	
Scouts Rental	200 00	
Insurance Recovery	167 77	
	$ 2,647 77	
Expended:		
Boston Sign Co.	$ 12 00	
Clock, Conference Room	8 40	
Oil Burner Permit	2 00	
Water	30 36	
Repairs	452 01	

Lights	335 33	
Janitor	693 42	
Oil	787 51	
Painting	1,200 00	
Supplies	21 14	
		$ 3,542 17

Interest

Appropriation	$ 500 00	
Expended:		
Souhegan Bank, Anticipation Notes		$ 1,505 50

Mapping

Appropriation	$ 600 00	
Sale of Maps	122 85	
	$ 722 85	
Expended:		
James Sewell Co.	$ 1,100 63	
Registry Fees	91 22	
		$ 1,191 85

Hydrant Rental

Appropriation	$ 1,805 00	
Expended:		
Town of Milford	$ 120 00	
Amherst Village District	1,690 00	
		$ 1,810 00

Communication Center

Appropriation	$ 3,000 00	
Expended:		
Town of Milford		$ 2,630 56

Short Term Notes

Expended:	
Souhegan National Bank	$105,000 00

State Head Tax

Expended:		
State of New Hampshire	$ 8,776 00	
Commissions	820 50	
		$ 9,596 50

County Tax

Expended:	
County of Hillsborough	$37,611 80

Yield Tax

Expended:	
State of New Hampshire	$ 122 17

Precinct Tax

Expended:	
Amherst Village District	$ 2,059 32

Cemetery Trustees

Income	$ 1,782 00	
Expended:		
Cemetery Trustees		$ 1,782 00

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Income	$ 500 00	
Expended:		
Trustees of Trust Funds		$ 500 00

School District of Amherst

Balance of 1967-1968 Appropriation	$107,000 00	
1968-1969 Appropriation	674,548 00	
	$781,548 00	
Expended:		
School District of Amherst		
1967-1968 Appropriation	$107,000 00	
1968-1969 Appropriation	557,548 00	
		$664,548 00
Balance Due $117,000 00		

Soldiers' Aid

Appropriation	$ 500 00
Expended:	$ 00 00

Article No. 17 Sidewalk

Appropriated	$ 1,200 00
Expended:	$ 00 00

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT
MARCH 1969

This has been a year of real concern about town problems. Rapid growth. Higher school costs. Higher taxes. One seems to follow the other in predictable yearly procession.

These are problems easy to see, difficult to solve. This year it will cost over $750 to educate one child. Last year the average new house had an estimated value of $20,000 which would produce $660 in taxes at today's tax rate; $528 of this goes for education. This isn't enough to educate one child, and we average more than one child per house. So the balance must be shared by the rest of the town – and up goes the tax rate.

What can we do about this? Well, we can review school costs, which represent 80% of town expenditures. Our committee, and the School Board, spend many hours each year trying to keep the school budget lean. But to cut the good basic program we have achieved in recent years would be woefully short-sighted.

We can work up a good program to attract industry. If we find a large automated bottling plant, we're in luck. If a large low cost assembly plant moves in, we're possibly worse off than ever. Certainly our first order of study is to find out whether towns with industry have basically lower taxes than those without.

Perhaps the most effective thing we can do immediately is to slow the growth rate and reduce the eventual density of our population. Our committee is supporting 4 acre zoning in the rural district as an interim step to this end. The recent rapid growth of new houses and large purchases of

land by outside developers indicate an urgent need for more town control.

As many have pointed out, however, these problems need much more study, and more precise solutions. We will formally request, at Town Meeting, that the Planning Board be instructed to undertake such a study and present us with long range plans for our consideration and our vote.

DANA P. POWERS, Chairman
ERIK BROWN, Vice Chairman
HERBERT HARDING
ALFRED BYRNES
JAMES STARKE
ROBERT BLAKEMAN
PAUL SIMPSON

TOWN WARRANT

Note: Voting on Article 1 and Articles 9 through 12 will be by ballot at the Polls.

Article 1. Choose Town Officers.

No comment.

Article 2. Borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

We recommend **APPROVAL**

Article 3. Town operating budget.

We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Article 4. Road specifications.

We recommend **APPROVAL.** Additionally, we recommend that paragraph 7 of the road specifications be amended to read as follows:

7. "These specifications shall take effect on March 12, 1969."

Article 5. Raise $1500 for tennis courts.

We recommend **APPROVAL.** A total of $8000 is needed. The Bean Foundation will match up to $4000. So far, $1400 has been raised from private citizens. A worthwhile project for summer recreation.

Article 6. Continuation of road improvement plan for $5000.

We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Article 7. Black top west end of Cross Road.

We recommend **APPROVAL.**

SUMMARY OF TOWN

Showing all items over $40

Budget Items	1967 Approp	% of Gross	Tax Per 1000 net	196 Appr
Town Officers Sal.	4,875	.6	.11	4,8
Town Office Exp.	5,600	.7	.13	8,0
Police	4,850	.6	.11	7,1
Fire	8,800	1.1	.20	9,2
Highway	45,650	5.9	1.06	55,7
Libraries	4,575	.6	.11	5,3
Old Age & Poor	7,000	.9	.16	8,0
Debt	5,300	.7	.13	
Other Items	27,540	3.5	.63	34,8
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	114,190	14.8	2.66	133,2
Warrant Items	15,050	1.9	.34	22,7
Service Exemp.				25,3
TOTAL TOWN APPROP	129,240	16.8		181,3
Less Revenues	67,440			84,7
Town Prop. Tax	61,800		3.00	96,5
TOTAL SCHOOL App.	605,270	78.6		733,7
Less Revenues	85,810			59,2
School Property Tax	517,460		25.00	674,5
County Tax	36,000	4.6	1.70	37,6
Total Approp	770,510			952,7
Property Taxes	607,090		29.80	808,7
Valuation		20,600,000		

SCHOOL DATA

Total Number Pupils 1-12	903
Cost Per Pupil	681

* Building Article not included

D SCHOOL BUDGETS

to the nearest ten dollars

% of Gross	Tax Per 1000 net	1969 Prop. Approp	% of Gross	Tax per 1000 net
.5	.11	7,100	.6	.16
.7	.14	11,250	.9	.24
.7	.14	13,600	1.1	.26
1.0	.22	10,900	.9	.24
5.8	1.33	67,930	5.7	1.45
.6	.12	7,910	.6	.16
.7	.14	6,500	.5	.15
3.6	.76	37,950	3.2	.76
13.6	2.87	163,140	13.6	3.43
2.3	.48	20,740	1.8	.49
2.6	.55	25,500	2.1	.56
18.5		209,380 84,000	17.5	
	3.90	125,380		4.48
77.0		947,360* 36,500	79.3	
	27.90	910,860		32.53
4.5	1.60	38,000	3.1	1.35
	33.40	1,194,740 1,074,240		38.37
24,200,000			28,000,000	
1060 692			1240 764	

Article 8. Black top north end of West Street.

We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Article 9. Create commercial area at edge of village.

We recommend a **NO** vote to this article. This zoning change would permit a commercial development close to the center of our colonial village with no control over the type of buildings or landscaping or kinds of activities that would take place.

Article 10. Cluster Zoning.

We recommend a **YES** vote. Cluster zoning is a forward step in good land usage, and this article offers the town many controls to ensure cluster zoning's proper development. This article will work well with any lot size.

Article 11. Four acre lots.

We recommend a **YES** vote. This article will provide an immediate deterrent to the present uncontrolled growth of subdivisions. Although there are presently over 800 accepted subdivided lots in Amherst, this only comprises 10% of the potential development. The four acre minimum will not affect lots of record, therefore protecting individuals with less than four acres.

Article 12. Double size lots for duplex houses.

We recommend a **YES** vote. This article corrects an oversight in the rewriting of our 1968 zoning regulations and conforms to their original intent.

Article 13. Regional Planning Agency.

We recommend **APPROVAL.** This article will provide our Planning Board and town officials additional information and professional assistance in dealing with problems caused by our rapid growth.

Article 14. Raise $570 for Article 13.
We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Article 15. Raise $7,660 to complete bridge.
We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Article 16. Capital fund for fire station.
We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Article 17. Line Item Budget.
Comment withheld until MEETING.

Article 18. Appraisal.
Comment withheld until MEETING.

Article 19. School tax on new houses.
We **DISAPPROVE** this article. Although we have sympathy with its purpose, we are informed by the State Tax Commission that this proposal is illegal. Taxes can be imposed only in accordance with state law.

Article 20. Public records.
Comment withheld until MEETING.

Article 21. Historical Society Building.
We recommend **DISAPPROVAL** of this article. Until final disposition of both brick school and chapel are made, we feel that permission to construct a new building between them should be denied. Also, further study of aesthetic considerations should be made.

Article 22. Other business.

Under the article the Ways and Means Committee will make the following motion:

We move that the Planning Board be directed to conduct a study of the future growth and development of Amherst; that it develop a master plan which sets goals for the rate of growth and the eventual density of population, and which shows us how these might be accomplished; that it project needs for future town services; and finally that it bring before the people such action as it feels is needed through the use of appropriate warrant articles. This study shall be completed in not more than two years, with an interim report, and any appropriate warrant articles, to be presented at next year's Town Meeting.

SCHOOL WARRANT

Article 1 through 3.

No comment.

Article 4. Accept State and Federal Aid.

We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Article 5. Deficiency appropriation.

We recommend **APPROVAL.**

Articles 6 through 10.

These articles underwent revision after the recent vote on a building addition. They were received too late for review. Our comment will be withheld until School Meeting.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

The following is a summarized report of this departments' activities during the past year.

Winter Maintenance — $30,190.52

The Winter Maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from about December first to the middle of March. All road clearing due to snow and ice storms is charged to this account. We now have 86.8 miles of road to care for with six hired trucks with plows, and the grader. We try to give school bus routes and areas where children walk in the streets to school, special attention. Also, we have to clear snow from the sidewalks on Foundry Street and Boston Post Road North, as well as snow removal from both the Wilkins and Clark schools, the fire station and the Brick school which is now a town building. The other work in the Winter consists of cutting trees and brush. The largest areas cut last year were the Jones Road and Austin Road to prepare for re-construction in the Spring.

Snowfall during January, February and March was average. Again we had an early snow fall in November (Nov. 6) before the ground had frozen, and a storm like that is very hard to handle and expensive. In December 1968, we were hit with a series of small storms consisting of snow, sleet, and freezing rain. In order to keep road surfaces safe, many hours were spent plowing, salting and sanding. These types of storms are far more difficult to handle and very expensive.

Our Winter Maintenance budget for 1969 shows an increase of $4,769.00 for the following reasons: The type of service demanded, the increase cost of truck rental, salt, labor, and added mileage to our road system. Note that in 1968 we added 3.3 miles of new road and a conservative estimate for 1969 is 7 miles.

Summer Maintenance — $12,405.58

All general maintenance from about the middle of March to December first is covered under this account. Included is the grading and the use of the York Rake on 38 gravel

roads several times, cutting banks and ditches, spot graveling, the maintenance and replacement of culverts, setting posts, signs etc. on all roads (86.8 miles). Also the maintenance of shoulders throughout the black road system (57.3 miles), and the machine and hand cutting of brush in the summer.

In 1968 several gravel roads were improved: Part of the School House Road was widened and some gravel applied; the Mack Hill Road, Brook Road, Austin Road and Eaton Road were spot graveled. Culverts were replaced on Old Manchester Road, Eaton Road, School House Road, and Court House Road. The bridge by the Wilkins School also received temporary repairs early in March.

In explanation of the increase in Summer Maintenance funds for 1969, I list the following: Wage increases $1,600.00, and new road mileage, 3.3 miles at $140.00 per mile – ($462.00).

Oiling – $32,891.07

Under this program approximately 18.3 miles of road were surface treated. Those treated were: Lake road, Thorntons' Ferry road # 1 and # 2, Lyndeborough road, Border street, Souhegan street, Ponemah Hill road, Old Nashua road, North Hollis road, Boston Post road So. (2.4 miles), Spring road, Beaver Brook Circle, Southfield road, Knight street, Carriage road, Davis lane, Veteran road, Stearns road, Cricket Hill drive, Town Crier road, Meadow lane, Hodgson lane, Bloody Brook road, Brimstone Hill road, North Meadow road, Sunset avenue, Jones road (both ends), Mack Hill road (upper extension), Walnut Hill road (new construction).

The cost of patching all black roads (57.3 miles), and sweeping of all roads to be oiled is covered under the oil appropriation. Also 6,000 gallons of waste oil was applied to gravel roads where dust was a problem.

Highland Drive, Warren Way, Cross Road, Windsor Drive, Winding Hollow Road, Buckridge Extension, Jasper Valley Road, and Satans Ledge Road were mixed and placed, and a sealer coat applied under this account. The cost of

each road being paid in full by the developer before the work was accomplished. Cost – $12,751.60.

The increase in this account for 1969 is a result of new roads added to the system and the plan to mix and place the West end of the Merrimack Road from the junction of Nichols Road to the Milford town line ($1,980.00).

Town Road Aid – $13,062.72

T. R. A. is a program started in 1947 by the State to help small towns improve their roads. Money for this account is based on a 15% town cost – 85% state aid. Supervision is done by the State Highway Department and the Road Agent.

Under this account, money was spent on the following roads; Mack Hill road (upper end) was completed, reconstruction of the West end of Walnut Hill road was completed, a small part of the Austin road was rebuilt and surfaced, the Jones road was widened, culverts were installed, some gravel was applied, and both ends were surfaced. This project is slated to be completed in 1969. Work was also started on Thorntons' Ferry Rd. No. 2 (some banks were cut and three culverts were installed). Work will also continue on the road in 1969.

Dumps – $1,720.40

The money under this accout was spent to provide a dump custodian, to gravel the dump over several times during the summer, and for rat control. Because of the increased use of the dump area it was necessary to hire a bulldozer several times during 1968 to grade and cover the dumping area. The increase in the Dump appropriation for 1969 is to cover this work.

Parks and Playgrounds – $1,934.28

Money under this account is spent to maintain eight town commons, two playgrounds, the old Brick School yard, and the Clark and Wilkins School yards. Some work at the Library is under this account also. This work consists of raking and picking up leaves, mowing and trimming the

grass, care of the park fence and the constant picking up of papers, etc., from the lawns.

Extra expenses in 1968 were the removal of a large Elm stump and regrading the common on Pierce Lane, setting up an outdoor Gym set at the Wilkins and Clark Schools, and installing Basketball backstops at the Wilkins School.

The increase in this account is to cover actual costs in the care of school lawns for a full season. Also we would like to change the ditch at the Spalding playground, next to the baseball diamond on the Northwest side of the field.

Cemeteries — $4,834.49

Money for this account was spent to maintain the four cemeteries: Meadowview, the old cemetery by the Town Hall, Cricket Corner Cemetery, and Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Some of the work accomplished this year other than the regular rakings, mowing and trimming of all cemeteries was: rebuilding lots, resetting granite curbs, grading depressions, and tree trimming at Meadowview and Cricket Corner cemeteries. Many bushes were removed from lots where it was necessary, and the lots regraded. Special attention was given 71 perpetual care lots and funds for this work was received from the Perpetual Care account.

A program for replacing broken gravestones and markers was started and 14 stones replaced in 1968. This work will continue in 1969.

The increase in the cemeteries account for 1969 is due to wage adjustments for both part-time and full-time employees, and the increase in the cost of materials.

Article 4

Money for this Article was used to purchase culvert pipe used on the Merrimack road, Juniper lane, and Court House road. This road improvement article has been increased so that we may undertake rebuilding projects in various areas of our older black road system. Some of the roads under consideration for future construction are: Spring road (3 areas), Lake road, Front street at Baboosic Lake,

Christian Hill road (West end), Walnut Hill road from the junction at Pinnacle road to the railroad bed, Boston Post Road North, Old Mont Vernon road, and Merrimack road (from the junction at Nichols road to route 122 and from route 122 to Weiss residence).

A complete study is being made into present and future Highway Department equipment needs and the present rental practices. It is hoped that in 1969 we can lease-purchase a dump truck and power sander, and that the cost of this program would result in no increase in the budget and eventually a substantial savings to the taxpayer over our present method.

In closing this report, I would like to thank the Road Commission for their guidance and help in 1968 and the taxpayers of Amherst for their support of the Department's programs. Any comments and suggestions on how your Highway Department can better serve you are welcomed.

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER
Highway Agent

AMHERST POLICE REPORT

Due to an ever increasing population of our town, the police department has had a busy year trying to get complete coverage and protection to the many new developments on the outskirts of the town. Presently, a program has been set up in order to reduce breaks for the business establishments and the homeowners, and there has been a 50% improvement. There have been 50% less breaks and 40% of these the persons have been apprehended.

We have had six Juvenile cases this year compared to only two last year. We hope that the parents will lend their cooperation to keep such cases on a decrease in the town of Amherst.

Dog complaints still are our greatest problem again this year. We are trying to work on this problem and we would appreciate the efforts of every dog owner concerning licenses and keeping their dog from annoying neighbors.

We are working in close contact with the surrounding towns of; Nashua, Merrimack, Hollis, Milford and Wilton to make Amherst stay "a nice place to live in and visit".

1968 List of complaints, disturbances, accidents, and other activities:

Abandoned cars	11	Juvenile court	6
Accidents	91	Lost registration plates	8
Anonymous calls	6	Miscellaneous calls	470
Animal complaints (misc.)	17	Missing persons	13
Assault & battery	7	Out of town assistance	24
Arsonist	1	Out of town inquiries on residents	56
Auto on fire	3	Peeping toms & prowlers	28
Bad checks	9	Radar set ups	17
Breaking & entering	51	Road blocks	9
Child Assistance	9	School bus complaints	14
Deer killed	6	Shooting complaints	30
Disturbance calls	309		

Dog bites	20
Dog complaints	223
Dogs killed on road	19
Dog restraining orders	4
D. W. I.	2
Family disturbance	31
Fire Dept. traffic assistance	19
Fireworks	28
Hit and run	4
House checks while residents away	52
Interference with snow removal	23
Intoxicated & disorderly	8
Stolen property	73
Summons	64
Superior court	8
Town Police meetings	7
Unlocked doors	37
Vandalism	43
Warrants issued to residents from out of town	46
Ways & Means meeting	1

AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The following is a summarized report of the department's activities and expenditures during the past year.

1. Salaries: $1,600.00 — forty men at $25.00 per year. This is payment for men attending 12 regular meetings and 12 practice sessions with their engine companies. Three Captains at $15.00 each per year; three Lieutenants at $10.00 each per year; one Fire Chief at $200.00 per year; two Assistants at $100.00 each per year and one janitor at $125.00.

2. Fires: $2,300.00. Your fire department responded to 75 calls in 1968 as compared to 56 calls during 1967. The types of calls were:

Buildings	6
Electrical	8
Grass & Brush	10
Resuscitator	4
Car & Accident	9
Dump	14
Smoke Checks	4
Chimney	5
Miscellaneous	9
Mutual Aid	8

We were called out of town for Mutual Aid 8 times and received Mutual Aid 17 times.

Engine One responded to 34 calls.

Engine Two responded to 56 calls.

Engine Three responded to 52 calls.

There were two box alarms.

3. Hose: $1,500.00. This account was used to purchase 2½ inch dacron filter hose. Next year we will start to build up a reserve supply.

4. Supplies and Equipment: $700.00. This account was used for miscellaneous items to run the fire station. We also purchased some hand lights, coats, boots and helmets. It was felt necessary to replace the tires on Engine One as they were

12 years old. The fire department received a $200.00 donation from a member of the fire department to purchase a Black Widow nozzle for the deck gun on Engine Two.

To report a fire dial 673-3131. This is the phone number of the communication center which handles all fire calls for Amherst, Milford, and Mont Vernon 24 hours a day. Give the property owner's name, the street name and the town when reporting a fire.

In closing this report we would like to express our thanks to the officers and members of the three engine companies for their time and effort put forth toward accomplishing the work of the department. Also to the people who donated to this year's Fireman's Ball and the raffle. The Fireman's Ball added over $800.00 to the relief fund. The $300.00 received from the raffle was used to purchase one Scott Air Pack.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES DUVAL, Chief
RICHARD G. CROCKER,
First Assistant
JOHN F. HANLON
Second Assistant

Report of Forest Fire Warden and District Chief

People cause fires. Our records show that the number of fires increase in an area as the population increases and our state is growing tremendously. This means that we all must be aware of fire causes and do our best to prevent their occurrence.

When we are very young the lighted match is an adventure, burn fingers and a dropped match is another fire. A little older we like to have a woodland cookout, or go out by ourselves for a smoke but fire and forests get together for another statistic. We adults like to clean up in the spring, burn the old debris and the dead grass, result – escaped fires and much personal expense.

With new homes and summer cottages located in woodlands and with abandoned fields and forests crowding the back yard of our villages' streets, it is necessary that everyone be aware all through the fire season, which comes with the disappearance of the snow, of the need to be careful with outdoor fires and fire sources.

The following action will help:

1. To teach our children the danger of lighted matches.

2. To *never* discard lighted smoking material from a car or while walking through fields or woods.

3. To safely dispose of rubbish preferably at the town dump. If you must burn —

   a. You need a written permit from the town fire warden for *all* debris burning except when the ground is covered with snow. Cooking fires in outdoor fireplaces or in charcoal braziers in your own back yard is permitted on notification of the warden.

   b. The warden is forbidden by regulation to allow burning of household rubbish on *grass* by householders between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

   c. Have equipment on hand to control the fire *before* you light the match.

4. Promptly report any fire out of control to your fire warden or fire department.

Help to keep our town out of the fire occurrence column and save your tax dollars for useful purposes.

Forest fire record for 1968:

	Number of Fires	Woodland Acres Burned
State	593	349
District	166	147½
Town	5	Several acres

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD, District Chief
CHARLES DUVAL, Warden

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

There follows a Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire as at December 31, 1968.

The Common Trust Fund Investments, both principal and income, earned an average of 5.43% based on invested cost at the beginning of the year. Of this total average, the Mutual Fund Investments earned 5.49% and the Savings Bank Investments earned 5.38%.

The market value of the Common Trust Fund Principal Investments at the end of the year together with the Income Investments was $206,175.05 which is $59,383.34 more than invested cost, an increase of 94% in the Mutual Fund Investments.

Based on market values of the Common Trust Fund Principal Investments at the end of the year, 61% was invested in Mutual Funds and 39% was invested in Savings Bank Accounts.

A detailed statement of the investments and related income follows.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. CONTI,
CHESTER B. McGRATH,
DAVID T. RAMSAY,
Trustees of Trust Funds

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1968

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End Year
								Percent	Amount		
	Common Trust Fund										
1927	Emma L. Clark	Library	$ 790.36		$ 22.41	$ 812.77	$ 38.75		$ 40.26	$ 38.75	$ 40.26
1945	James Day	Library	9,483.55		268.68	9,752.23	464.61		482.72	464.61	482.72
1923	Fannie Parsons French	Library	1,580.64		44.79	1,625.43	77.45		80.46	77.45	80.46
1928	George W. George	Library	790.36		22.41	812.77	38.75		40.26	38.75	40.26
1902	Edmund M. Parker	Library	1,580.64		44.79	1,625.43	77.45		80.46	77.45	80.46
1957	Anna H. Mosher	Library	2,899.64		64.97	2,964.61	112.35		116.73	112.35	116.73
1942	David E. Fisk	Highway	2,370.87		67.16	2,438.03	116.14		120.66	116.14	120.66
1867	Aaron Lawrence	School	2,370.87		67.16	2,438.03	116.14		120.66	116.14	120.66
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence	School	790.36		22.41	812.77	38.75		40.26	38.75	40.26
1876	Isaac Spalding	School	14,027.82		397.43	14,425.25	687.25		714.03	687.25	714.03
1964	Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship	School	8,760.48		192.28	8,952.76	769.64		359.52	490.00	639.16
1932	George W. Putnam	Cemetery	1,580.64		44.79	1,625.43	293.28		101.68		394.96
1938	Alice M. Wilkins	Cemetery	3,161.17		89.57	3,250.74	560.29		172.82		733.11
Various	Perpetual care-unrestricted	Cemetery	8,000.41		259.48	8,259.89	1,967.82		655.48		2,623.30
Various	Perpetual care-restricted	Cemetery	69,149.14		1,813.06	70,962.20	13,750.99		4,579.97	2,533.25	15,797.71
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			127,336.95		$3,421.39	$130,758.34	$19,109.66		$7,705.97	$4,790.89	$22,024.74
	Separately Invested Funds										
1965	Perpetual care	Cemetery	2,950.00	$1,800.00		$ 4,750.00	145.69		$ 135.00		$ 280.69
Various	Town of Amherst	Fire Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00		2,000.00	none		56.93		56.93
TOTAL SEPARATELY INVESTED TRUST FUNDS			$ 3,950.00	$2,800.00		$ 6,750.00	$ 145.69		$ 191.93		$ 337.62
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			$131,286.95	$2,800.00	$3,421.39	$137,508.34	$19,255.35		$7,897.90	$4,790.89	$22,362.36

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1968

No. of Shares or Other Units	HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	PRINCIPAL						INCOME
			ADDITIONS					
		Balance Beginning Year	Purchase	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Balance End Year	Market Value Dec. 31 1968	Income During Year
	PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS							
999	Broad Street Investing Corporation	$ 10,739.83	$	$	$	$ 10,739.83	$ 16,573.41	$ 459.54
1477	Chemical Fund, Inc.	8,437.18		1,459.12	12.34	9,883.96	28,063.00	406.87
769	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	7,063.17		1,293.15	2.35	8,353.97	15,995.20	384.50
2683	National Investors Corporation	8,217.85				8,217.85	22,805.50	348.79
501	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund, Inc.	8,867.93				8,867.93	13,251.45	90.18
1372	Puritan Fund, Inc.	11,898.38		669.12	.72	12,566.78	17,040.24	608.92
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	516.07
	Concord Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	516.06
	Manchester Federal Savings and Loan Association	9,797.59				9,797.59	9,797.59	495.98
	Manchester Savings Bank	9,794.94				9,794.94	9,794.94	593.17
	Manchester Savings Bank	9,897.42				9,897.42	9,897.42	599.35
	Manchester Savings Bank	1,727.34				1,727.34	1,727.34	104.59
	Merchants Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	516.41
	New Hampshire Savings Bank	6,835.37				6,835.37	6,835.37	352.98
	Souhegan National Bank	3,800.00				3,800.00	3,800.00	153.52
	Souhegan National Bank — checking account	259.95	15.41			275.36	275.36	
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS	$127,336.95	$ 15.41	$3,421.39	$15.41	$130,758.34	$185,856.82	$6,146.93
	INCOME INVESTMENTS							
439	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	4,108.74	737.60			4,846.34	9,131.20	957.65
	Manchester Savings Bank	10,585.64	601.39			11,187.03	11,187.03	601.39
	TOTAL INCOME INVESTMENTS	14,694.38	$1,338.99			$ 16,033.37	$ 20,318.23	$1,559.04
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS	$142,031.33	$1,354.40	$3,421.39	$15.41	$146,791.71	$206,175.05	$7,705.97

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

The tree lined streets and spacious commons of New Hampshire towns are one of the state's prime attractions. They afford a haven for birds, provide shade during the hot summer days, and blaze forth in glorious colors in the autumn. Amherst is a town favored by such beauty, and it has been the aim of the town, through the tree committee, to preserve and enhance this asset.

Our program in the past year has concentrated on the reloaming of the main common, fertilizing of the young trees set out in 1965-67, and a heavy pruning and trimming of the older trees. These phases are all essential to maintaining and improving the health of our trees and preservation of the commons. Spraying, planting, and tree removal required lesser portions of the budget, but are none the less important. As dead or diseased trees are taken down, new ones are planted in order to preserve an orderly continuity.

Appreciation is expressed to Richard Crocker for his assistance in many ways; and to the citizens who watered and fertilized newly-planted trees near their homes; and to those who picked up litter of cans, bottles and papers so heedlessly discarded. Amherst is only as attractive as we all strive to make it.

Respectfully submitted,

F. TENNEY CLOUGH, Chairman
H. RONALD BERLACK
ALLEN D. HOWARD

January 25, 1969

AMHERST TREE COMMITTEE REPORT — 1968

	1963 Approp.	1963 Expend.	1969 Budget
Spraying			
A. Dormant Spray — April Elm Trees in Village	$ 450.00	$ 380.00	$ 425.00
B. Cover Spray — May Elm Trees in Village and Ponemah			
Planting — Trees and Shrubs in Village — includes preparing ground, stock, mulching and watering.	450.00	226.15	350.00
Trimming and Tree Care — Town trees in Village. Pruning and programmed selective feeding.	375.00	872.50	800.00
Tree Removal — Cutting, removal and disposing of diseased Village elms and maples. Removal of diseased elms cut down by private property owners.	475.00	255.00	450.00
Blister Rust	150.00	150.00	150.00
Common — Reloaming, fertilizing and seeding.	775.00	762.00	1,200.00
Total	$2,625.00	$2,645.65	$3,375.00

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement — 1968
Town of Amherst

Town Funds Expended	$150 00
Cooperative Aid to Town	440 18
Total Expenditures	$590 18
1968 Town Appropriation	$150 00
Town Funds Expended	150 00
Balance Due Town	$ 00 00
Area Worked	1586 acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed	1670

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL

During the past year a total of 236 permits have been received and processed and can be tabulated as follows:

New Private Dwellings	166
Additions and Alterations	35
Parking Garages	14
Signs	8
Utility Out-buildings	3
Trailers	1
Non-residential Structures	4
Miscellaneous	5

Of these seven were either denied or referred to the Board of Adjustment. The estimated cost recorded on the applications are as follows:

New Buildings	$3,455,500
Additions and Alterations	85,540
Garages	24,950
Non-residential	1,100
Miscellaneous	16,200

CHESTER McGRATH,
Zoning Administrator

REPORT OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR YEAR 1968

The Board of Adjustment held their regular meeting on the first Monday of each month during 1968. Our new meeting room at the Brick School proved to be adequate in size but did have a noise problem when competing against the regular Monday night Boy Scout meeting. The soft-spoken citizens appearing before us could hardly be heard.

Seven cases were presented to the Board requesting variances. Five requests were granted, two denied.

Notices of meetings were duly posted at the Town Hall and Post Office and were advertised in The Milford Cabinet. Notices were again mailed to abutters as in the past.

As stated in our Ordinance, all meetings of the Board are open to the public.

Meetings were held during the year with the Planning Board and Selectmen to co-ordinate any decisions that were made.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Paul Antonelli
Roger Brown
Jack Lindabury
Edward Noyes Jr., Secretary
Clark Stewart, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

(In compliance with Revised Statutes annotated 202-A:12)

Financial Report – The report of the treasurer is appended.

Building and Grounds – In 1968 the entrance hall and the receiving room of the library were given a much-needed coat of paint.

The Friends of the Library, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ronald Berlack, continued to aid the library in various ways. Mrs. Waide Ingham's Flower Committee supplied flowers and plants to decorate the hall and rooms. In spite of crowded conditions, Story Hour continued successfully with Mrs. Arthur Currier as chairman. Mrs. Pierre Martin operated a bookmobile to Andre's Mobile Homes during the summer months which was enthusiastically received. There were three money-raising projects sponsored by the Friends: a Membership Coffee at the library in March, a street Dance in July, and the performance on the village green by the Boston Children's Theatre in August. All three were very successful in raising money, mainly for the purchase of children's books. Through the generosity of local artists, there has been a series of art exhibits at the library. "A View from the Library", a column in the Milford Cabinet, is the interesting and stimulating contribution of library news by Mrs. Robert Williston.

The Book Selection Committee, composed of Mrs. Robert Sondrol, chairman, Mrs. David Ramsay, Mrs. John Merriman, Mrs. Fosdick Smith, Mr. Robert Lown, and Mr. Richard Cardner, has coped well with the ever-increasing demands and need for an adequately stocked library, although pitted against the continually rising cost of books and on a limited book budget.

The trustees feel strongly the urgency, in the near future, for a program to increase the size of the library and the

number of books in order to better serve a rapidly growing community. It is the aim and desire of the trustees to offer as total a service as is within the community's potential. For the library, an addition and all its ramifications must be weighed and considered during the coming year.

The trustees wish to express appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed time and effort in behalf of the library. And, as always, our deep gratitude to the librarians.

KATHLEEN WARE, Chairman
HELEN SONDROL
ELIZABETH WIGHT
MARION WILLISTON
BENJAMIN G. BUNDY
E. DANIEL JOHNSON

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Amherst Library is at this moment struggling on a much too limited budget. The time probably has come to make a basic decision. Should we continue to plod along as we have been, satisfying only one segment of our population, specifically the pleasure readers, or shall we look more to long range plans and enlarge our basic collection.

Somehow there is always a compromise. We have done it by buying more and more fiction in paperbacks. This is justified as titles change quickly. We are pulling more and more young people in with our record collection, but cannot hold them because of our lack of research books. We have pulled in many children with our summer reading program, doubled over last year, but have lost them in the winter months because we lack what they must have for their studies. We have lost our intellectual and non-fiction readers because we cannot keep up with their demands. How long then, can the town afford to compromise and have a library on a superficial level in a fast growing community like this?

A New Look in the back room of the library with its pop-posters, records and paperbacks for young adult reading has proved a very popular place for our young people. We badly need more space for study tables in this area, also a corner where records could be played and enjoyed.

A great asset to the library and town would be a multi-purpose room that could be used for group meetings, film programs and also for the Story Hour. This would also be of great benefit to other groups in the town.

Let's think about this!

Total circulation for the year 1968:	
Adult	15,389
Juvenile	16,309
Total	31,698
Records	685
Total for 1967	23,619

(Adult circulation includes fiction, non-fiction and magazines)

(Juvenile circulation includes fiction, non-fiction and books on loan to the schools)

Increase in the number of patrons who have registered in 1968 is 269. Doesn't this justify that we need more money, more books?

We owe a great deal to our active Friends of the Library. They have done much to promote interest and have sponsored many projects which in turn have helped to buy more books. We are indeed grateful.

To the trustees, in closing, the librarians wish to express their appreciation for their valuable support in all our many problems.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION U. NELSON

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT
January 2, 1969

INCOME 1968

Cash on hand January 1, 1968	$ 261 51
Sam and Alys Warren Book Fund	107 51
Anna Mosher Gift Fund	166 59
Fines and Gifts for Books	488 48
Trustees of Trust Funds	809 36
Savings Bank Dividends	167 86
Gifts for Records from Muriel Wilson	50 00
Town Appropriation	5,380 91
	$7,432 22
Less Disbursements	7,323 89
Cash Balance in General Fund January 1, 1969	$ 108 33

DISBURSEMENTS and BUDGET

	1968	1968 Disbursements	1969 Budget
Books, General Account	$2,200.00	$2,200.00	$3,000.00
Warren Fund		107.51	
Fines and Gifts		488.48	
Total spent for books		$2,795.99	
Magazines	100.00	158.14	150.00
Records	50.00	148.85	200.00
Supplies and Book Bindings	200.00	164.00	300.00
Librarians' Salaries	2,800.00	2,926.50	3,300.00
Custodian	225.00	196.00	200.00
Building and Grounds	250.00	184.87	250.00
Clock repair and refinish also card files (Mosher Gift)		166.59	
Elect., water, phone	345.00	268.58	300.00
Fuel	300.00	298.07	325.00
Exp. State Library Meetings	40.00	16.30	40.00
	$6,510.00	$7,323.89	$8,065.00

We request a Town Appropriation as follows:

By Appropriation	$7,206 67
Trust Fund Dividends	750.00
Gen. Acct. Cash Balance January 1, 1969	108 33
	$8,065.00

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer

FUNDS IN POSSESSION OF TREASURER

		Paid Out	Balance 1969
Balance Fines Acct. January 1, 1968	$ 153.79		
1968 Fines	447.30		
1968 Gifts for Books	448.00		
	$1,049.09	$488.48	$560.61

Balance Jan. 1, 1968 Anna Mosher Gifts	670.47		
Transferred to Savings Acct.	500.00		
	170.47	166.59	3.88
Sam and Alys Warren			
Book Fund January 1, 1968	35.75		
Dividends MIT Stock	90.62		
	126.37	107.51	18.86
Cash Balance January 1, 1969 Gen. Acct.			108.33
Cash in Souhegan Checking Acct. Jan. 1, 1969			$691.68

The following unrestricted funds are deposited in Savings Banks:	
Mary B. Upham Fund	$ 675.44
Fannie E. Weston Fund	183.96
Anna H. Mosher Special Gifts	800.00
Honora Spalding Gift	500.00
Theodora Lincoln Gift	100.00
Elizabeth N. Bean Gift	
(Voted by Trustees for Bldg. Fund)	5,000.00
Bean Foundation	
(For Architectural Study new addition)	2,000.00
Jennifer Carlsmith Mem. Fund	
(For Childrens Books)	130.02
	$9,389.42
Interest 1968	440.98
	$9,830.40

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
STEPHEN NOBLE

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

This year, as in other years since the enactment of the Subdivision Regulations, the Planning Board has been very much concerned with the administration of those regulations. During the calendar year 1968 the Board considered almost fifty subdivisions. The great numerical majority of these were simply minor modifications of existing subdivisions or divisions of a parcel of land into two to four lots, but, the Board also considered several complex and extensive subdivisions which included up to sixty-three lots. The potential impact on the Town of subdivisions of the nature of the latter is obvious. Proposed streets and roads, relationships to adjoining streets and roads and abutting property, health and safety concerns, compliance with Town ordinances, the ability of the Town to provide municipal services, etc., must all be carefully considered by the Planning Board.

During the year the Board revised the Subdivision Regulations on three occasions. The revisions, as required by the enabling legislation, involved public hearings.

Two articles concerning regional planning are included on the Warrant at the request of the Planning Board. The first of these articles is to determine if the Town is to become a member of the Nashua Regional Planning Agency; the second, to determine if the money required to finance that membership is to be appropriated. The Board assures the Town that membership in a regional agency in no way usurps the authority of any local agency and the required appropriation of fifteen cents per capita represents a very modest investment. The relationship between the economic boom in the Nashua area and the mushrooming growth here in Amherst is apparent. The wording of the first of the articles provides almost the best argument for joining the Nashua Regional agency: "The objective of this agency will be to plan for and encourage regional planning analysis, provide consensus on major problems of regional concern

and to assist in the effectuation of projects which extend beyond the boundaries of a particular town." The Planning Board further notes that the opportunity to communicate with our neighboring municipalities and, in an objective manner, concern ourselves with the problems we share is reason enough to join the Nashua Regional Planning Agency. The Planning Board urges the Town to approve both articles.

The Planning Board had submitted an article on the 1968 Town Warrant to request the opinion of the Town concerning a study of the pros and cons of industry in Amherst. The Town expressed an affirmative position on the matter and the Planning Board subsequently appointed a sub-committee of the Board, the Industrial Study Committee. This committee, chaired by Harding Sortevik, included Mr. Sortevik, Allan Howard, Herbert Schmitz, William Conant and Herbert Campman, ex-officio, from the Planning Board.

The Planning Board notes that the Industrial Study Committee undertook a project, a study of the potential relationship between the Town and possible industrial expansion, which had never before been attempted. Committee members had little or nothing with which to work. The study required many hours of work to which they diligently applied themselves to acquire enough knowledge to reach any meaningful conclusions. The Planning Board believes that the recommendations of the Industrial Study Committee are studied and thoughtful and the Board has passed a vote of thanks and commendation to the committee.

In brief, the Industrial Study Committee has determined that the Town should encourage some industrial expansion on a selective basis. The committee decided that the present industrial zone and its environs is an excellent locale for industry and, after a survey of the total area of the Town, it is exclusively the only potential industrial area in Amherst. The committee recommends that a permanent Industrial Developement Commission be established. The report of the Industrial Study Committee follows as an addendum to

this report. The Planning Board supports all of the conclusions and recommendations of the Industrial Study Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ENRIGHT, Chairman
OLIVER F. MERRILL
HAROLD EASTMAN
HERBERT W. CAMPMAN JR.
ELLIOT P. LYON, Secretary
HERBERT W. WENZEL
J. MERRILL HINES, Selectman, Ex-Officio

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY OBTAINING NEW INDUSTRY IN AMHERST

After considerable study and deliberation on the question of whether or not Amherst should seek or encourage industry, the committee unanimously concluded that Amherst should indeed seek industry, for such reasons and with certain qualifications as are outlined below.

Why encourage industry to come to Amherst?

1. With the accelerating rapid growth in the Town more ways to broaden our tax base must be found.

2. Industrial development in surrounding communities has contributed heavily to the growth in Amherst, without benefit of industrial tax revenue to the Town.

3. A study of available land in Town indicates that the present area off Route 101A, already zoned for industry, is ideal. With railroad facilities and immediate access to super highways this area meets many of the industrial requirements. As a result of their own studies, the Division of Economic Development of the Department of Resources and Economic Development for the State of New Hampshire has given a very favorable opinion of this area.

We recommend that the following action be taken by the Town of Amherst:

1. That Amherst form an industrial development group to take positive steps to attract large, well established industrial concerns. We recommend that this group consist of five members, one being a member of the Board of Selectmen and another be a member of the Planning Board.

2. That Amherst appropriate the sum of fifteen cents per capita to join the Nashua Regional Planning Agency. For the first year this would cost the Town approximately $650. Our investigation of water and sewerage involved the crossing of municipal boundaries and we feel the Town would benefit greatly from the advice of a professional planner, as well as continuous knowledge of what other towns in the area are doing.

3. The Amherst members of the Nashua Regional Planning Agency should also be members of the industrial development group.

4. In addition to our recommendation to attract industry to broaden our tax base, we recommend that the Town seriously consider further increasing the minimum lot size, and/or similar restrictive measures, in the immediate future in order to slow down what is fast becoming a runaway growth rate. A combination of added industry and a reduction in housing growth rate should make for a balanced community and prevent a future tax disaster.

5. We encourage increased coordination and communication among the various Town and school groups to insure that the most effective action is taken for the benefit of Amherst. Consideration should be given to joint meetings of all groups on a periodic basis.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. CAMPMAN, JR.
WILLIAM E. CONANT
ALLEN D. HOWARD
HERBERT SCHMITZ
HARDING C. SORTEVIK, Chairman

ROAD COMMISSION REPORT

1968 was a banner year for the Highway Department. During the year 3.3 miles of new roads were added to the Town system. Each of these roads has been inspected as required by Town Ordinances.

The Jones Road was opened and rebuilt preparatory to finishing and will be used as a detour during the bridge construction on the Boston Post Road. Sprague Road was improved at the direction of the County Commissioners. The west end of Walnut Hill was aquired early in 1968 and the widening as planned was accomplished.

Looking ahead into 1969, we have already undertaken the initial approval of approximately 8 miles of roads and an additional 8 miles are in planning stage. With this in mind, we have recommended to the Selectmen and the Road Agent a new set of road specifications which, if they are adopted, should result in considerable savings to the Town in years to come. These will be presented to the Town in the Warrant and we urge your careful consideration of them.

We should also like to report that under the able supervision of our Road Agent all projects planned for 1968 were successfully completed. We have examined carefully the budget for 1969 and believe that we can recommend it to you as a most realistic one.

FRANK DRYER, Chairman
RUFUS BROWN
GEORGE GRASSETT

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

1968 was the year that your Conservation Commission realized some of its ambitions accumulated over the first three years of its being.

We accepted a gift of land in the Village which is now being used as a skating rink under the direction of the Recreation Committee and Eric Brown. We hope that you will support them to improve this service in years to come.

1968 was the year that we sent Joyce Smith and Mark Threlfall to Conservation Camp for one week. These young people came back full of knowledge and ambition. We hope to send two more to camp this year.

1968 was the year that we finally completed acquisition of 42 acres of the Amherst Great Meadow. This land is to be used as an outdoor science classroom for young and old, to gain knowledge of birds, animals and plant life. This land is also a valuable water reservoir for the Town, provided the regulation pertaining to clean waters are enforced. We are now trying to acquire five other tracts in this area with the total of approximately 22 acres. Some of this land we hope to acquire as gifts, other will have to be purchased.

We urge all citizens to support regional planning. Amherst has grown too large for us to expect a group of people, who give their time, to know all about planning, zoning, etc. Professional help is needed to direct our Town in the proper course it should be taking in these matters.

Your Conservation Commission also thinks that each one should stop and do some serious pondering as to what each of us can do to conserve some of the things that brought us to Amherst in the first place: a small brook, a beaver dam or a pond and swamp with some nesting ducks. Can you picture Amherst without some scenic spots? Can you imagine not being able to walk along or sit by a brook without being in someone's backyard? Can you imagine not being able to sit in the sun by a brook while your small son or grandson drops in his first fish hook? Or have one of

your children ask you to see a raccoon or beaver. You can always travel miles to a zoo. Can you imagine not seeing some small children running across a sunlit field?

Yes, 1969 will be a year that Amherst citizens, young and old, decide to protect what we take for granted and want to remain as is. Your Conservation Commission is ready and willing to assist you in protecting and preserving these areas by accepting land and money or by listening to your ideas and suggestions.

We want to express our appreciation for the support we have received from the Selectmen, Planning Board, Bean Foundation, Richard and Jean Crocker, Robert Nolte and the townspeople. Our special thanks to Barbara Landry for the many hours she has given us.

Respectfully submitted.

HERBERT HARDING, *Chairman*
PENNY SKEER, *Secretary*
NEIL MANGOLD
ROBERT WESTON
FRED SEELING
BETTY ARNOLD
HARRY MITIGUY
ELLIOT LYON, *Planning Board*

REPORT OF THE AMHERST RECREATION COMMISSION FOR 1968

The Amherst Recreation Commission continued its support of the baseball, softball and tennis programs, helping in the maintenance of the playing areas and arranging for either volunteer or paid instructors. Attendance at these sports was high and many parents volunteered hours of their time to help make the programs successful. The committee also financially assisted the local children's theatre production, installed basketball stands at the Brick School and a bubbler at the tennis courts, and built backstops for the baseball fields.

The ARC group of Junior-High students elected a new committee and arranged some bus trips to Canobie Lake Park and Hampton Beach in the summer. The dances, which were discontinued for a while, they hope to plan for again early in 1969. In March a group of young people in town asked the Recreation Commission to sponsor them in their effort to find a place to gather after school and weekends. The young people have the ideas and energy to carry out this project, but were unable to find a location. This problem we hope to solve in 1969.

One of our main projects has been working with the Amherst Tennis Committee in arranging for the resurfacing of our town tennis courts and the construction of one new court. These courts have been financially maintained and worked on by a small group of citizens for the use of the town as a whole. The playing surface of the courts is in such state as to require professional resurfacing and due to the members now participating in tennis we feel there is a need for a third court. Fifty-five people signed up for the tennis lessons, sixty different people entered the various tournaments held during the season, and over 100 families used the courts this year. The total cost of the project is $8,000.00 — we are asking the town to assist in less than one-fifth of this cost (see Article 5).

This winter we plan to provide some kind of skating facility for the children and as soon as the basketball courts are completed in the Wilkins School auditorium, start a program for boys and girls. We also hope to have the gym available some week nights for adult programs. A series of golf lessons and a men's volleyball group are already being planned.

We continue to keep in touch with other organizations in town in our common concern over the lack of town-owned open areas of land. We will soon be unable to handle our activities on the present playing fields and as our population increases the urgency to acquire land for recreation becomes greater. The town's recreational facilities should not all be concentrated in the village — facilities should be provided for where the concentration of building is taking place but this cannot be done unless land is set aside for that purpose .

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE HOPKINS, Chairman
HOPE CAULFIELD
RAYMOND DESMARAIS
WILLIAM JOHNSON
RICHARD SMITH

SELECTMEN'S NARRATIVE

We respectfully submit to you a report of the progress of the town, our concern in certain areas, and recommendations for your consideration. Perhaps this might more aptly be referred to as a "State of the Town" message.

That the town continues to grow at a somewhat alarming rate is of great concern to us all. Meaningful planning so as to promote a healthy, yet controlled growth for the general welfare of our town is essential. Your Planning Board is charged primarily with the responsibility of making recommendations to the town to attain this objective. The dedicated members of this board recognize their responsibility and are continually making efforts to remedy the situation through the medium of education, review, and evaluation. The 1969 Town Warrant contains two Articles relative to our taking part in regional planning. Your approval of these articles is urged. Adoption of the Articles would make available to us a professional planning staff at a fraction of the cost if we were to assume the expense alone. We must establish direction. Regional planning should aid us to develop this. Whether we like it or not, our life here in Amherst is greatly influenced by the region. Would the adoption of these Articles result in more controls – rules and regulations? Yes, in all probability. In our civilization today, rules and regulations are necessary to protect the majority. However, you, the voter, have the sole power to decide what rules shall be adopted and what rules shall be rejected. The town requires this tool – Regional Planning – to perform its important function properly.

We are concerned about recreational facilities for our young people. The Recreation Committee is most active in this area. Hopefully, some idea will emerge this coming year which will result in an indoor Young People's Center. This is another sign of our times. Is there, perhaps, less family togetherness than there used to be. Our economy appears to be tearing at the fibers of the family unit – work together – play together – pray together. The community is looked upon to fill a need – playtime. Hopefully, proper

implementation of an endeavor will be beneficial to all of us.

One of the most important duties of the Board of Selectmen is to raise monies appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual School District Meeting. The method, of course, is taxation of property. The Board strives to levy such taxes fairly and equitably. There may be inadvertent errors. If so, we stand ready to correct any mistakes upon proper application.

The 1968 tax rate was $33.40 per thousand dollars of assessed value as compared with $29.80 in 1967. For comparative purposes the 1967 and 1968 rates are detailed as follows:

	1967	1968
Town	$ 3.00	$ 3.90
School	25.10	27.90
County	1.70	1.60
Total	$29.80	$33.40
Precinct	.60	.50

In 1968, the net town appropriation increased about $17,500. The 1968 rate also reflects the increased cost of Veteran's Exemptions which amounted to $16,500 tax dollars. The School budget increased about $157,000. The total assessed value of the town in 1968 was approximately $24,210,000.

Your Board made a sincere effort to keep expenses within the appropriated amounts. In the overall we were able to do that. However, growth, snow and ice, as well as unanticipated problems necessiated over expenditure in some specific areas of the 1968 budget.

Snow must be cleared from our public roads. Ice conditions on the highways must be remedied. The over-expenditure was necessary for your safety. We salute our Road Agent, Richard Crocker, his loyal associates and snow removal truckers who worked many long hours to make this town a safer place in which to navigate.

Police protection was increased. We have studied the subject of full-time versus the present part-time force and,

after discussion with concerned citizens, the Police Chief and further evaluation, we do not recommend the establishment of a full-time Department at this time. The matter will continue to be reviewed. The increased patrols, of course, are reflected in the 1969 budget and, hopefully, will receive your approval.

In view of the growth and increased road mileage, as well as attempting to be realistic, particularly about snow removal, the 1969 Highway budget has been increased and merits your favorable consideration. Too, one of the articles requests $5,000 for road improvement. This is a much more realistic figure than the $1,000 requested in past years. Monies appropriated will be used to repair our older hard-surfaced roads.

The reconstruction of the bridge over Beaver Brook on Boston Post Road near the Wilkins School has started. Additional funds are requested to complete the project. The new structure will be 28 feet in width, in addition to a five-foot sidewalk on one side. Load capacity will be 15 tons.

Last winter, your Board was concerned about the safety of this bridge and requested the State to provide a preliminary estimate for a new bridge. Ice and snow prevented a field inspection. However, we received an estimate of $40,000 from the Department of Public Works and Highways for a bridge of the same width – 24 feet plus a sidewalk of 4 feet on one side. Our portion of the cost was to be 50% – $20,000 and you wisely appropriated that sum in March. Shortly after that, you undoubtedly recall, one-half of the bridge roadway collapsed and was temporarily repaired.

Your Board viewed with concern the increased traffic over this bridge and the problem experienced by school busses when one confronted the other at the crossing. Consequently, we deemed it our duty and in the best interest of the town to request the State to design a wider bridge. The State agreed to this change and will, of course, absorb 50% of the primary project, bridge and approach, for the road will be widened on the school side of the brook up

to the New Boston Road. The revised bid was $44,086.39, of which $22,043.20 becomes our portion rather than the appropriated $20,000. Too, due to traffic conditions, the road in front of the school needed widening.

A temporary bridge for vehicular traffic had to be provided. This expense would be borne fully by the town. The estimated cost of a temporary bridge was $3,000. Since you removed the gates and bars from Jones Road, it was our considered opinion that monies expended on a temporary bridge could be better utilized by preparing Jones Road as a detour. This was done at a lesser expense and to the long term advantage of the town.

The water main across the brook which serves the school was installed alongside the bridge. This had to be relocated downstream so as to clear the new bridge. The cost approximates $3,400. Your approval of our article for the additional fund is requested and is most certainly in the best interest of the town.

The Amherst Historical Society was given the use of the Annex next to the Brick School, the same to be maintained by the Society at no cost to the town.

Dr. James Starke was appointed Health Officer, replacing Dr. Burns who passed away last spring. Due to our concern about water pollution we, in our capacity as a Board of Health, promulgated Water Pollution Control Regulations for the installation of septic systems.

Mr. Dewey Smith moved from the state and resigned from the Board on June 30 ending many years of devoted service to the town. We were indeed fortunate in having Mr. Meric Arnold accept an appointment to the Board until town meeting in 1969.

Keeping in mind state regulations which will soon prohibit open dump burning, a committee was appointed to study and make recommendations for ways and means of complying with Regulation No. 1 — "Prohibition of Open Burning" — as promulgated by the New Hampshire Air Pollution Control Commission.

Several factors have prevented this committee from making final recommendations for consideration at the 1969

Town Meeting. Preliminary feasibility studies have been completed at the present town dump. However, an on-site inspection for compliance with state specifications has been delayed due to the Commission's busy schedule and, secondly, the advance date given by the state met with unforeseen weather patterns (snow). A date will be rescheduled as soon as weather permits.

Other considerations such as incineration, truck away, alternative sites are incomplete at this time.

There was some activity with regard to town welfare this past year. Many investigations were made and assistance rendered where, in the opinion of the Overseer of Public Welfare, conditions so warranted.

Primarily for those of you who recently moved into Amherst, may we invite your attention to the following dates which affect you. Please take notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly:

March 30th – Please do not wait until this date to register your vehicle.

April 15th – Last day veterans exemption blanks will be accepted for consideration by Selectmen.

April 30th – To avoid costly advertising, all taxes must be paid to the Tax Collector for preceding year.

April 30th – All dogs (3 months or older) must be licensed.

There are undoubtedly many in town who, by virtue of their interest and background, could be of assistance to the town by serving on various committees or task forces. We would appreciate your calling us. This is **your** Town.

In conclusion, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to fellow town officers, members of the various town departments and committees for their loyal and dedicated service to our citizenry. Due to their efforts and your cooperation, Amherst shall be a better place in which to live.

J. MERRILL HINES
HERMON W. ANDERSON
MERIC G. ARNOLD

Selectmen

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst, on Friday, the 14th day of March next, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects·

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

3. To see if the District will vote to transfer into Capital Reserve $1,500.00 from cash surplus remaining at the end of the year.

4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 27th day of February 1969

RUFUS I. BROWN
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN
CHESTER A. AKESON
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

A true copy of Warrant – Attest;

RUFUS I. BROWN
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN
CHESTER A. AKESON
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The District is providing water to 210 users.

Repayment of $5,000.00 in principal has reduced the District indebtedness to $60,000.00. Adequate reserves are built up to provide for repairs that might be necessary.

This past year a new hydrant was installed, also a new hydrant to replace one damaged by automobile accident.

RUFUS I. BROWN
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN
CHESTER A. AKESON
Commissioners.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1968

Cash on hand December 31, 1968	$ 7,107 14	
Accounts receivable including December 31st bills	4,325 66	
		$ 11,432 80
Water System	1,179 60	
Land for buildings, Wells, pumps, mains, etc.	150,252 71	
		151,432 31
		$162,865 11

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	60,000 00	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	102,865 11	
		$162,865 11

RANDOLPH KRUGER, Treasurer

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Estimates of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969
Estimated and actual receipts and expenditures of the previous year January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

RECEIPTS	Estimated 1968	Received 1968	Estimated 1969
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1968	$ 744.92	$ 744.92	$ 469.34
Capital Reserve Funds	4,872.94	4,872.94	6,637.80
	$ 5,617.66	$ 5,617.66	$ 7,107.14
Income Water Service Prior year (4th quarter)	$ 4,006.93	$ 4,006.93	$ 4,325.66
Income Water Service Current year (1st 3 quarters)	4,000.00	4,647.01	4,000.00
	$ 8,006.93	$ 8,653.94	$ 8,325.66
Hydrant Rental	$ 1,690.00	$ 1,690.00	$ 1,690.00
Precinct Tax	2,059.32	2,059.32	*2,128.09
Other receipts and interest	200.00	264.86	250.00
	$ 3,949.32	$ 4,014.18	$ 4,068.09
Total	$17,573.91	$18,285.78	$19,500.89
EXPENDITURES			
Bonds	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
Interest	1,406.25	1,406.25	1,293.75
Supt. Salary	700.00	700.00	800.00
Ass't. Supt. Salary	300.00	300.00	400.00
Tax Collector	100.00	100.00	125.00
Treasurer	500.00	500.00	800.00
Meters and repairs	600.00	348.25	600.00
Electricity	1,400.00	1,399.00	1,500.00
Operating, Supplies, Maintenance	1,500.00	1,013.52	1,400.00
Office Supplies	250.00	204.12	250.00
Insurance	200.00	207.00	225.00
Cash	744.72	469.34	469.34
Capital Reserve Funds	4,872.94	6,637.80	6,637.80
	$17,573.91	$18.285.78	$19,500.89

*To be raised by taxes 1969 assessed against property within the Village District.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
STEPHEN NOBLE
Town Auditors

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING
March 12, 1968

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, polls opened at 10:00 a.m. by the Moderator M. A. Wight, Jr. (Polls closed at 7:25 instead of 7:00, heavy voting). Article was read ballot clerks, Mrs. Lillian Anderson and Mrs. Caroline Iles, Ass't. to voters, Allen D. Howard and Randolph Kruger, checking the check lists, Shirley Copeland, School Clerk, Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk and M. A. Wight, Jr. Moderator. Mrs. Barbara H. Landry filled in wherever needed during the day. Polls were declared opened and voting on:

Article 1 — Following officers elected, Selectman, Hermon W. Anderson; Town Clerk, Catherine A. Kruger; Tax Collector, Barbara H. Landry; Town Treasurer, Catherine A. Kruger; Highway Agent, Richard G. Crocker; Trustee of Trust Funds, David T. Ramsay; Auditors, Orson H. Bragdon, Stephen K. Noble; Trustees of Library, Helen L. Sondrol, Kathleen C. Ware; Board of Adjustment, Roger M. Brown.

After the polls closed at 7:25 — counting started until 1 a. m.

Article 2 — Voted to give the Selectmen and Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 3 — Voted to appropriate the sum of $132,937.59 for Town Charges with the following additions: Continuation of road improvement plan $1,000.00; Repair Civil War Monument, $375.00; New Bridge, $20,000.00; Repairs to Town Clock, $200.00; Repair sidewalks, $1,200.00; Planning Board, $250.00; Total $155,962.59.

Article 4 — Voted to continue road improvement $1,000.00

Article 5 — Voted against deleting abutter approval from the zoning ordinance. 390 For 580 Against.

Article 6 — The deletion of the word "customary" from home occupation was adopted. 442 For 355 Against.

Article 7 — Voted to define the use of signs in Zoning Ordinance. 648 For 302 Against.

Article 8 — Voted to allow storage of travel trailers in the Town in the Zoning ordinance. 611 For 390 Against.

Article 9 — Voted to change minimum lot size to 1½ acres and 200 feet frontage in the Zoning Ordinance. 733 For 286 No.

Article 10 — Voted against re-classifying area on 101-A from rural to Commercial. 347 Yes 684 No.

Article 11 — Voted for a sub-committee to study obtaining new industry in Amherst. 870 Yes 134 No. $250 appropriated to Committee expenses under Article 22 at Town Meeting.

Article 12 — Petition for $250 for Historical Society disapproved.

Article 13 — Noted to rescind $ .20 poll tax penalty.

Article 14 — Voted to appropriate $375 to repair granite border around Civil War Monument.

Article 15 — Voted to appropriate $20,000.00 for a new bridge over Beaver Brook near the Wilkins School with an equal amount to be received from the State. Speed in implementing this article was urged.

Article 16 — Voted to appropriate $200 for repairs to Town Clock.

Article 17 — Voted to appropriate $1200 for repair of sidewalks on Foundry Street and the New Boston Road.

Article 18 — Voted to rescind closing Jones Road between Mack Hill and the New Boston Road to facilitate traffic conditions.

Article 19 — Voted to re-open "Cross Road near the Honey Pot Pond" with no expense to the town.

Article 20 — Voted to change road specifications to include a sealer coat by developers.

Article 21 — Voted to delay abandonment of fire alarm system until insurance study can be made.

Article 22 — Voted the sum of $250 to be raised and appropriated for use of Planning Board sub-committee as provided in Article 11.

Article 23 — Erik Brown recommended that the Selectmen meet with School Board to see if the new multi-purpose room could be designed and built with a view to add an extension later. Mr. Eric Hare stated that the School Committee would meet next Monday evening March 18th to start work on construction of the new Cafetorium.

Mr. Hermon W. Anderson expressed appreciation for work of the Ways and Means Committee.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hermon W. Anderson for his services as a Selectman.

The Moderator thanked Mr. Howard Russell, Edward Noyes, Paul Simpson and E. Daniel Johnson for their assistance with the public address system.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 p.m. awaiting results of the balloting of the Town Officers and zoning changes.

The Moderator announced results at about 11:30 p.m.

Officers did not take oath of office that evening, but were urged to stop in at Town Clerk's Office to attend to this within 6 days after Town Meeting.

Counting of Primary ballots was resumed after this.

RACHEL H. McDOWELL, Assistant to Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

Date and Place	*Name of Bride and Groom*	*Name of Officiant*
Jan. 12, Milford	Dennis R. Brodeur Lisa M. Douglas	William A. Dolan Priest
Jan. 13, Manchester	Renaud Wilfred Paris Cheryl Lane Cheney	Chester C. Eaton Justice of the Peace
Feb. 10, Amherst	Thomas Francis Ennis Helen Prescott Anderson	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Feb. 10, Milford	Peter Bell Gail Boutelle	Glen C. Bachelder Minister of Gospel
Feb. 23, Amherst	Robert J. Windt Ingrid H. M. Barr	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Mar. 13, Milford	Raymond Richard McAllister Arlene Frances Knight	Craig H. Richards Justice of the Peace
Mar. 18, Amherst	Bernard Chabot Susan E. Hill	Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
Mar. 30, Nashua	Gaylord Mitchell Price Ann Maunsell	Dorothy E. Powell Justice of the Peace
Apr. 6, Amherst	Stanley L. Zukowski Laura Ann Errara	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Apr. 12, Temple	Alan Tenney Clough Charlene Ida Mazza	Esther S. Church Justice of the Peace
May 4, Florida	Charles Hayes Hood Eleanor Muriel LaFontaine	Wilfred A. Burch Clergyman
May 4, Amherst	Walter Francis Sheldon Jr. Elizabeth Ann Duffy	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
May 11, Hudson	Robert Paul Halverson Nancy Mae Blair	Sidney F. Baker Justice of the Peace
May 14, Amherst	Peter E. Hannon Gail M. Signoretti	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
May 15, Amherst	Lloyd H. Snow Rita S. Mahoney	Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
May 18, Derry	Cutler D. Bowes Marsha E. Kennedy	Thomas E. Abbotts Justice of the Peace
May 25, Sterling Mass.	James Lee Pratt Vivian Louise Golas	Thomas M. Dunn Priest
May 25, Nashua	Douglas Wayne Pieper Carol Louise Carter	R. F. Hoeft Pastor
June 8, Nashua	Michael Swain Barter Donna Star Rogers	Paul R. Gagne Clergyman
June 15, Amherst	William C. Fricke Cynthia A. Graham	Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
June 21, Moultonboro	John Edwin Parker Virginia Geraldine Coolidge	Kenneth C. Smith, Sr. Justice of the Peace
June 21, Keene	Robert Miles MacLeod Sandra Lee Whitcomb	Hugh O. Morton Minister
June 22, Milford	Robert Mansfield Heaton Susan Diane Yeaw	Craig H. Richards Clergyman
June 22, Milford	Gerald Francis Hannon Margaret Mary Edson	Anthony A. Michalik Priest
June 22, Milford	Andrew James Berwick Claire Janis Edwards	Daniel Ferry Priest - Episcopal
June 29, Amherst	William George Lindquist Cynthia D. Hill	Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
July 13, Amherst	Lawrence William Rich Elaine Gertrude Buffum	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
July 13, Amherst	Bob E. Salisbury Phyllis M. Grant	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
July 13, Milford	Michael Allan Stitham Brenda L. Forbes	William A. Dolan Catholic Priest
July 29, Manchester	Antonio Joseph Cassarino Genevieve Constance Laliberte	Evelyn Tsiatsios Justice of the Peace
Aug. 10, Milford	Fred Little Ridenhour Jr. Carol Cheever	Daniel W. Ferry Priest - Episcopal
Aug. 10, Merrimack	Stephen Daniel Gilbody Linda May Wilson	Bruce E. Gordon Minister

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

Aug. 17, Amherst	Charles O. Lauderback Gay B. Burchell	E. Ray Burchell Clergyman
Aug. 17, Scranton Penna	Cornelius Justin Crowley Marion Alice Haggerty	James M. Lowry Priest
Aug. 24, Nashua	Timothy B. Huber Susan Calkins Sample	James R. McGreal Pastor
Aug. 24, Milford	Peter Frank Hokinson Nancy R. Currier	Edwin Lynn Minister
Sept. 6, Nashua	Thomas Woodbury Hall Donna Barbara Poulicakos	Dorothy E. Powell Justice of the Peace
Sept. 27, Nashua	Roderick David Letendre Patricia Lee Richards	David Prolman Justice of the Peace
Sept. 28, Milford	Walter P. Houle Eleanor C. Adams	Anthony A. Michalik Catholic Priest
Oct. 12, Ft. Meade, Md.	Curtis Randolph Worthen Mary Catherine MacDonald	William Blount Army Chaplain
Oct. 12, Derby Line, Vt.	Peter Andre Guillette Carolyn Jean Stickney	Joseph F. Connolly Priest
Oct. 19, Amherst	Russell J. Belden Laurice V. Albee	Kenneth J. Sanford Minister
Oct. 28, Nashua	Arthur Edwin Carkin Beverly Elaine Helen Downing	Joseph F. Gall Justice of the Peace
Nov. 1, Milford	Robert W. Carleton Barbara W. Caswell	Glen C. Batchelder Minister
Nov. 9, Milford	Michael Justin Rodrigue Joanna Frances Busceme	Raymond Laferriere Priest
Nov. 10, Hollis	Lucien R. Boucher Rebecca Barnes Petry	Nicholas Pantelas Justice of the Peace
Nov. 16, Amherst	Wayne Melvin Wells Linda L. Aldrich	Kenneth J. Sanford Minister
Nov. 23, Pelham	Warren Nelson Welch, Jr. Paula Marie Tower	Robert C. Robb Minister
Dec. 7, Wilton	Jerome Nathaniel Zirn Patti Lee Wornick	S. Robert Winn Justice of the Peace
Dec. 12, Amherst	David Leonard Dickinson Linda Ebon Weiss	Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
Dec. 21, Manchester	George William Thorell Jr. Kathleen Margaret Shea	Rev. George E. Ham Priest
Dec. 21, Portsmouth	Wayne George Smith Linda Emerline Poirier	Peter E. O'Donnell Justice of the Peace
Dec. 28, Woodsville	Ruben Elias Carlson Mary Christine Johnson	Harold K. Davison Justice of the Peace

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1967		
Dec. 27, Wilton	Lester Lee Clark Marian Louise Jutras	Kenneth R. Dunham Justice of the Peace
Correction		
Dec. 30, Amherst	Donald Mansfield Heaton Dorothy Shirley Condon	Kenneth J. Sanford Minister

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

Date and Place	*Name of Child*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*
1967			
May 8, Nashua	William Richard	William Jonathan Grigas	Dianne Louise Bruns
Dec. 25, Manchester	Natalie Jean	Robert Farnsworth Searle	Virginia Gwen Pedrick
Dec. 31, Nashua	Kimberly Ann	Gary Philip Hastey	Kathleen Ann Richardson
1968			
Jan. 2, Nashua	Kristen Anne	Robert Louis Young	Alexandra Verno Brady
Jan. 2, Nashua	Amy Jennifer	Richard George Kitchen	Janice Ellen MacMaster
Jan. 2, Nashua	Scott Alan	Ralph Irving Maxwell	Choral Ellen Murray
Jan. 8, Nashua	Karen Eileen	Dana Kenneth Mayhew	Elaine Marie Lawrence
Jan. 9, Nashua	Jennifer Lynn	Richard Nadin Scofield	Betsy Ann Owler
Jan. 14, Nashua	Dale Allen	Charles Richard Evans	Regina May Woodbury
Jan. 24, Nashua	Carrie Frances	Everett Linwood Reed, Jr.	Mandy Carrie Kimball
Jan. 26, Manchester	George Gilman	Roland Ashley Curtis, Jr.	Linda Marie Cucchiara
Jan. 27, Manchester	Richard Peter	Quentin Richard Searle	Mary Elizabeth Clapp
Feb. 2, Manchester	Judith Helen	John Ingalls Snow, II	Margaret Ann Dunne
Feb. 8, Nashua	Christopher Franklin	Charles Franklin Burke	Elinor Kirstine Jensen
Feb. 14, Manchester	Peter Joseph	Robert Peter Amarosa	Marcelle Roberte Laliberte
Feb. 20, Nashua	Ralph Henry	Ralph Henry Taylor, Sr.	Carole Lee McAllister
Feb. 21, Manchester	Margaret Mary	Parker Dennis Morris	Katherine Mary Whittle
Mar. 4, Nashua	Joshua Casmir/Quibin	John Bernard Mendolusky	Mary Jeanne Quibin
Mar. 13, Nashua	Beth	Barry Greenhalgh	Ellen Ruth Telfer
Mar. 18, Lowell, Mass.	Manuel Eric	Manuel Enos	Sylvia J. Davis
Mar. 18, Lowell, Mass.	Michael Errol	Manuel Enos	Sylvia J. Davis
Mar. 19, Nashua	Jeffrey Mansfield	Donald Mansfield Heaton	Dorothy Shirley Condon
Apr. 2, Manchester	Barry Alan	Edwin Herbert True	Alice Evelyn Milne
Apr. 3, Nashua	Stephen Richard	Sheldon Richard Green	Marcia Lynne McGrath
Apr. 3, Manchester	Jonathan Peter	Albert Peter MacDonald	Carole Lee Baker
Apr. 4, Nashua	Cathy Ann	Francis Albert Young Jr.	Loris Mae Stone
Apr. 18, Nashua	Jodi Elaine	Joseph Milton Kolley	Mary Elva Roy
Apr. 19, Nashua	Kelly Sue	Michael Scott Stone	Liviana Antonietta Dudine
May 1, Nashua	Nichole Katherine	Robert Onil Dufour	Michele Ann Gacicia
May 7, Nashua	Mark Anthony	Edward Charles Lemire	Nancy Elizabeth Fletcher
May 12, Nashua	Jared Peter	Lewis John Fulgoni	Judith Phyllis Keane
May 17, Groton, Mass.	Karen Marie	Howard Alan Ferris	Suzanne Nathalie Pothier
May 21, Nashua	Heidi Ann	Dewey Wesley Smith, Jr.	Gail Marie Beecy
May 24, Nashua	Jennifer Lynn	Ronald George Greene	Linda Jane Higgins
May 25, Nashua	John Richard	Richard William Duquette	Mona Claire Desjardins
May 29, Nashua	Robert Rocco	Alfred Riccitelli	Beverly Jane Nelson
June 2, Manchester	Kevin Jonathan	Jonathan Boyer Boette	Ingrid Peiser
June 4, Nashua	Lizabeth	Joseph Albert Luongo	Dorothy Jane Speck
June 6, Nashua	Heather Jean	Gregory Oscar Gallagher	Harriet Irene Morse

June 7,	Nashua	Christopher John	Richard Thomas Migneault	Marie Gloria Caron
June 11,	Manchester	Jennifer	Todd Richard Woodworth	Cheryl Anne Shore
June 16,	Nashua	Christina Lynn	James Phillip Crawley	Jean Esther Wagner
June 16,	Nashua	Anne Wallace	Norman James Marsh, Jr.	Margaret Pawling Ballard
June 18,	Nashua	Laura Jean	Anthony Philip Capelle	Judith Margaret Hutchins
July 5,	Nashua	Wendy	Richard Hamilton Dunbar	Judith Lea Whaland
July 5,	Nashua	Harold Edward	Peter Hollingworth	Gail Stevens McDaniel
July 5,	Nashua	Matthew Stevens	Peter Hollingworth	Gail Stevens McDaniel
July 6,	Manchester	Christopher John	John Frederick Hanlon	Vivian Jane Perreault
July 8,	Nashua	Andrew John	Arnold John Adreani	Marcia Anne Cotter
July 17,	Manchester	Donald Philip, Jr.	Donald Philip Currier	Patricia Ann Jackson
July 19,	Nashua	Mary Josephine	Joseph William O'Brien	Mary Josephine Egan
July 21,	Nashua	Lon David	Paul Alfred Sevigny	Gloria Jean Fogg
July 25,	Nashua	John Norman	Norman Paul Clark	Elizabeth Ann McHugh
July 26,	Nashua	Theresa	Jean Henri Demers	Nancy Anne Parker
July 26,	Nashua	Holly Beth	Gary Allan Ciardelli	Marilyn Elizabeth Vigneault
Aug. 3,	Nashua	Tonya Leigh	Stuart Jeffrey McAlpine	Shirley Jane Curtis
Aug. 15,	Nashua	Theodore David, III	Theodore David Rocca, Jr.	Bonnie-Ann Jellerson
Aug. 16,	Nashua	Jennifer Rose	David Walter Wolfe	Karla Rose Tibbetts
Aug. 17,	Nashua	Eric Robert	Robert Aime Bleau	Ruth Margit Mathyer
Aug. 18,	Nashua	James Joseph	Wilfred Joseph Tremblay, Jr.	Edith Shirlene Clough
Aug. 18,	Nashua	Keith James	Frederick James Martin	June Eunice DeVarney
Aug. 21,	Nashua	Christopher John	Raymond Albert Avery	Grace Helen Hackett
Aug. 28,	Manchester	Dorothy Isabel	Richard Gibson Crocker	Jean Elizabeth Davis
Sept. 1,	Nashua	Pamela Anne	Gardiner Ames Morgan	Barbara Anne Flynn
Sept. 3,	Manchester	Mark Robert	Normand Robert Nadeau	Rosemary Smith
Sept. 3,	Nashua	Bruce Herbert, Jr.	Bruce Herbert Clark	Patricia Arlene Hutchinson
Sept. 4,	Nashua	Gregory Curtis	George Keene Disco	Maureen Josephine Walsh
Sept. 12,	Nashua	Rebecca Jean	Robert Willard Handy	Carol Ann Gaines
Sept. 13,	Nashua	Michael Gordon	John Edward Forsyth, Jr.,	Velma Rae Sanford
Oct. 5,	Manchester	Marie Francesca	Robert Vincent Decareau	Rosa Kaizer
Oct. 6,	Nashua	Jeffrey Andrew	Forrest Albert Hall	Doris Marie Cox
Oct. 10,	Nashua	Shari Paula	Steven Greenfield	Barbara Ruth Feldman
Oct. 14,	Nashua	Liane Marie	Richard John Gaudet	Marie-J.Olivette Cadorette
Oct. 18,	Manchester	Martha Dorothy	Kenneth Woodman Spalding	Audrey Additon Ide
Oct. 21,	Manchester	William Bernard	John Bernard Magill	Kathleen Anne Lobo
Oct. 21,	Nashua	Jennifer	Thomas James McAlpine	Judith Ellen Grigas
Nov. 4,	Massachusetts	Gregory Bryant	Kenneth Johnson Lambard	Marjorie Barnes Sweet
Nov. 10,	Nashua	Kristen Louise	Ronald Robert George	Constance Nye Baker
Dec. 6,	Nashua	Thomas Brian	Russell Thomas Steeves, Jr.	Mary Agnes Lenz
Dec. 17,	Nashua	Jeffrey Patrick	Warren Chadwick Luby	Patricia Anne Sawyer
Dec. 18,	Nashua	Joanna Maria	Charles Francis Turner	Joanne Emily Spurk
Dec. 18,	Nashua	Douglas Conrad	Donald Theodor Eger	Beverly Fairchild
Dec. 19,	Nashua	Wendy Lynn	Ronald Paul Wright	Janet Louise Hall
Dec. 27,	Nashua	Rebecca Louise	Hayward Chester Parrish	Carol Lee Taylor
Dec. 27,	Manchester	Christopher Hanson	Robert Randolph Burns	Julia Anna Margaret Hanson

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

Date and Place	*Name of Deceased*	*Age*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*
Jan. 2, Nashua	John Albert Young	71	William C. Young	Marion Smith
Feb. 17, Milford	Marguerite R. Luce	85	Albert Reynaud	Mary R. Glover
Mar. 15, Milford	Gertrude Shepard Buchanan	83	Arthur N. Shepard	Celia Blair
Mar. 22, Milford	Hilda Marie Liljeberg	92	Reinholt Quist	Susana u/k
Mar. 24, Amherst	Mary Ellen Adams	97	Frederick B. Adams	Mary F. Doe
Mar. 30, Nashua	Thomas Alexander Larsen	71	Thomas A. Larsen	Louise Arnesen
Apr. 1, Boston	George W. Campbell	73	Frank Campbell	Rebecca Gillis
Apr. 1, Amherst	Ralph Prescott Currier	81	Joseph M. Currier	Emma B. Colby
May 1, Lowell, Mass.	Dexter Appleford	60	James Appleford	Ethel Thayer
May 14, Lynn, Mass.	Florence Koresh Parker	75	William W. Doughty	Anna S. Lorenzen
May 21, Nashua	Caroline Kinder Iles	57	Ernest Kinder Hazen Kaulback	Helena Marshall
May 31, Vietnam	Peter J. Kaulback	83	Major Parrish	Caroline Lampkin
June 5, Nashua	Clifton Parrish	59	Ruel Manning	Nellie Therrien
June 14, Amherst	Ruel Donald Manning	67	Maynard P. Copp	Elsie F. Deware
July 17, Lowell, Mass.	Harold Copp	19	Robert Freeman Rowe	Jean Sargent
July 21, Nashua	Ted Rowe	75	Rollo A. Tyler	Elizabeth Dearborn
July 23, Nashua	Ruth Sanborn Tibbetts	71	Richard Doran	Mary Frost
July 25, Manchester	George T. Doran	3	Elliot Hammerman	Louise u/k
July 31, Amherst	Ronald Mark Hammerman	73	George Alvin Long	Elizabeth Bell
Aug. 8, Milford	George Robert Long	92	Joseph Kingsley	Sarah Wells
Aug. 27, Manchester	Charles Ledyard Kingsley	52	Frank Turbertt	u/k Lynch
Sept. 15, Manchester	Elizabeth T. Hendrix	68	Charles Chaplin	Mary Mahoney
Nov. 9, Amherst	Eleanor Chaplin Larner	43		
Nov. 10, Mass.	Charles A. Kennedy	31	Robert W. Seamans	Margaret Coles Esty
Dec. 6, Nashua	John Howe Seamans	49	Charles Harvey	Eva Gago
Dec. 21, Amherst	Charles Russell Harvey	73	Ronald MacNeil	Katherine McAdam
Dec. 25, Amherst	John R. MacNeill	71	Joel Strausser	Emma H. Hautz
Dec. 27, Amherst	Emma E. Leatherman			

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

Date and Place of Death	*Name of Deceased*	*Age*	*Name of Cemetery*
Jan. 22, Neptune, N. J.	Mary Louise Miller	96	Meadowview
Feb. 18, St. Johnsbury, Vt.	Martha Belle Dodge Ladd	85	Meadowview
Mar. 5, Milford	Katherine O'Connell	82	St. Patrick's
Apr. 12, Burlington, Vt.	Frances E. Hodgman	66	Meadowview
Apr. 28, Concord	Paul Sheldon	57	Meadowview
May 4, Miami, Florida	Walter Vincent Kane	68	St. Patrick's
May 9, Nashua	Roger Alden Sprague	40	Meadowview
June 7, Bonners Ferry, Idaho	Lloyd Augustine MacNeil	23	St. Patrick's
June 20, Manchester	Mabel F. Huskie	80	Meadowview
July 28, Mont Vernon	Frances Towne Blair	70	Meadowview
Sept. 13, Winchester, Mass.	Mary L. Maney Tobey	83	Meadowview
Sept. 19, Manchester	Loomis F. Jackson	77	Meadowview
Sept. 22, Orlando, Florida	Charles Wesley Going	84	Meadowview
Oct. 10, Goffstown	Henry C. Collins	63	Meadowview
Nov. 13, New Boston	James Porter Lawrence McCreary	52	Meadowview
Nov. 13, Concord	Eva M. Ingraham	68	Meadowview

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for to-day, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out for Marriage, Birth and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out records of to-day.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk

Note: Be sure you give your legal address as well as mailing address especially on birth certificates.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

School District Officers

of

Amherst, N. H.

for the

Year Ending June 30, 1968

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers — 1968-69

School Board:	Term Expires
Leland E. Gray, Jr.	1969
Herbert C. Stearns	1970
Eric W. Hare	1971

Ira A. Stickney	Superintendent
Mrs. Marion J. Jacques	Teacher Consultant
Mrs. Shirley Copeland	Clerk-Treasurer
Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D.	School Physician
Pauline Woods	School Nurse
Orson H. Bragdon	Auditor
Stephen Noble	Auditor

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

Polls open at 10:00 A. M. and close at 7:00 P. M.

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the Eleventh day of March 1969, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this fifteenth day of February 1969.

LELAND E. GRAY, JR.
HERBERT C. STEARNS
ERIC W. HARE
School Board

A true copy of Warrent—Attest:

LELAND E. GRAY, JR.
HERBERT C. STEARNS
ERIC W. HARE
School Board

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins Memorial School in said district on the Seventh day of March 1969, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency.

5. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,101.99 as a deficiency appropriation to cover $661.39-Supervisory Union Share, $4,600.00-Transportation, and $3,840.60-Teachers' Salaries, said amount being due in the current fiscal year, and to authorize the Selectmen to make the money available to the School Board prior to June 30, 1969.

6. To see if the district will appropriate a sum of money for constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a new elementary school or one or more additions to existing elementary schools, and to determine whether any such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action with respect to the foregoing.

7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $50,000.00 for the purchase of the so-called Vogel lot from Max Sherburne or take any action relative thereto.

8. To see what action the school district will take relative to the unexpended surplus of $14,000 in the 1300 account for Debt Service.

9. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this fifteenth day of February 1969.

LELAND E. GRAY, JR.
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AMHERST BUDGET — 1969-70

	Adopted 1967-68	Actual 1967-68	Adopted 1968-69	Proposed 1969-70
100 Series Administration				
110 Salaries of District Officers	$ 401.00	$ 401.00	$ 410.00	$ 435.00
135 Contracted Services	75.00	85.00	150.00	150.00
190 Other Expenses of Administration	320.00	938.63	520.00	760.00
100 Series Total	$ 796.00	$ 1,424.63	$ 1,080.00	$ 1,345.00
200 Series Instruction				
210.1 Teachers' Salaries	$136,987.00		$195,300.00	$276,950.00
210.2 New Teachers	32,500.00		33,400.00	47,700.00
210.3 Summer Curriculum			1,200.00	1,200.00
210.4 Insurance			2,900.00	2,250.00
Total 210	$169,487.00	$175,051.25	$232,800.00	$328,100.00
215 Textbooks	4,232.00	5,076.98	6,200.00	4,000.00
220 Library and Audio Visual	3,556.00	4,325.25	3,700.00	3,305.00
230 Supplies	7,400.00	7,435.61	9,650.00	13,500.00
235 Contracted Services	2,170.00	626.00	3,550.00	3,995.00
290 Other Expenses for Instruction	1,910.00	1,946.44	2,535.00	2,635.00
200 Series Total	$188,755.00	$194,461.53	$258,435.00	$355,535.00

AMHERST BUDGET — 1969-70

	Adopted 1967-68	Actual 1967-68	Adopted 1968-69	Proposed 1969-70
300 Series Attendance	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
400 Series Health	$ 2,095.00	$ 2,092.42	$ 2,220.00	$ 2,720.00
500 Series Transportation	$ 25,700.00	$ 25,700.00	$ 27,100.00	$ 36,900.00
600 Series Operation of Plant				
610 Salaries	$ 9,700.00	$ 10,935.89	$ 12,400.00	$ 15,100.00
630 Supplies	2,500.00	2,782.19	3,000.00	3,300.00
635 Contracted Services	1,100.00	1,037.13	400.00	1,100.00
640 Heat	4,100.00	5,656.49	4,500.00	7,300.00
645 Utilities	3,752.00	3,944.00	3,750.00	5,450.00
600 Series Total	$ 21,152.00	$ 24,355.70	$ 24,050.00	$ 32,250.00
700 Series Maintenance of Plant	$ 7,100.00	$ 7,026.73	$ 3,930.00	$ 3,265.00
800 Series Fixed Charges				
850 Retirement and Social Security	$ 14,726.00	$ 11,228.39	$ 18,340.00	$ 30,563.00
855 Insurance	3,100.00	2,237.00	2,800.00	3,023.00
800 Series Total	$ 17,826.00	$ 13,465.39	$ 21,140.00	$ 33,586.00

AMHERST BUDGET — 1969-70

	Adopted 1967-68	Actual 1967-68	Adopted 1968-69	Proposed 1969-70
900 Series Federal Lunch		$ 2,524.06	$ 3,000.00	$ 4,000.00
1000 Series Student Body Activities				$ 225.00
1200 Series Capital Outlay				
1265 Sites	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,750.00	$ 550.00	
1266 Buildings			8,000.00	
1267 Equipment	1,100.00	1,583.81	5,850.00	11,460.00
1200 Series Total	$ 2,100.00	$ 4,333.81	$ 14,400.00	$ 11,460.00
1300 Series Debt Service				
1370 Principal	$ 56,000.00	$ 56,000.00	$ 51,378.00	$ 55,000.00
1371 Interest	16,207.00	16,207.22	22,165.00	20,190.00
Service Charge	14.00	13.80		15.00
1300 Series Total	$ 72,221.00	$ 72,221.02	$ 73,543.00	$ 75,205.00
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts				
1477.1 Tuition-in state	$209,931.00	$184,727.72	$240,800.00	$293,325.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	9,465.00	9,465.00	13,100.00	16,970.00
1477.4 Trainable Class	2,600.00	1,375.00	2,600.00	1,583.00
1477.9 AREA Rental	36,509.00	38,907.63	39,314.00	54,840.00
1400 Series Total	$258,505.00	$234,475.35	$295,814.00	$366,718.00

AMHERST BUDGET — 1969-70

	Adopted 1967-68	Actual 1967-68	Adopted 1968-69	Proposed 1969-70
1600 Series Contingency	$ 2,000.00		$ 2,000.00	$ 5,000.00
1700 Series PL 89:10	$ 7,000.00	$ 4,772.00	$ 7,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	$605,275.00	$586,877.64	$733,762.00	$928,259.00
REVENUE				
Unencumbered Balance	$ 25,900.00	$ 29,391.62	$ 18,000.00	
State Building Aid	16,800.00	17,516.88	17,500.00	$ 17,500.00
State Sweepstakes	13,000.00	5,998.65	4,000.00	3,000.00
State Special Class	1,500.00	1,250.71	1,500.00	1,200.00
Federal Lunch		3,099.17	3,000.00	4,000.00
NDEA	400.00	1,743.85	1,000.00	1,000.00
Trust Funds	725.00	842.14	725.00	800.00
State Foundation Aid	3,000.00	28,635.09		
Title I	7,000.00	4,772.00	7,000.00	
PL 874	3,000.00	541.00	3,000.00	
Other		1,279.36		1,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 71,325.00	$ 95,070.47	$ 55,725.00	$ 28,500.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	$533,950.00		$678,037.00	$899,759.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1968-69

Begin	Close	
September 4 (Wed.)	December 20 (Fri.)	74 days
(October 18, November 28 & 29 – No School)		
January 2 (Thurs.)	February 21 (Fri.)	37 days
March 3 (Mon.)	April 25 (Fri.)	39 days
(April 4 – No School)		
May 5 (Mon.)	June 19 (Thurs.)	33 days
(May 30 – No School)		
		183 days

1969-70

September 3 (Wed.)	December 23 (Tues.)	76 days
(October 10, Nov. 11, Nov. 27 and 28 – No School)		
January 5 (Mon.)	February 20 (Fri.)	35 days
March 2 (Mon.)	April 24 (Fri.)	39 days
(March 27 – No School)		
May 4 (Mon.)	June 17 (Wed.)	33 days
		183 days

NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT
1968-69 School Year

Total Appropriations	$733,762 00
REVENUE AND CREDITS	
Unencumbered Balance	$ 26,933 00
Sweepstakes	4,474 00
School Building Aid	14,582 00
Intellectually Retarded	1,500 00
NDEA – Title III, Science, Math & Lang.	1,000 00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	3,000 00
PL 89-10 (ESEA)	7,000 00
Trust Fund Income	725 00
Total Revenue and Credits	$ 59,214 00
Amount to be raised by 1968 Property Taxes	$674,548 00
Total Appropriations	$733,762 00

STATE TAX COMMISSION
Lawton B. Chandler, Commissioner

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968)

SHIRLEY J. COPELAND, Treasurer

In account with the School District of Amherst.

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967		$ 29,391 62
Board of Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation		517,457 44
State Sources		53,401 33
Federal Sources		5,165 51
Trust Funds		842 14
Other Income		3,418 19
Total Receipts		$609,676 23
Less School Board Orders Paid		582,742 87
Balance on Hand June 30, 1968 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		$ 26,933 36

Building Fund

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967		$230,119 52
Federal Sources – NDEA Title III		1,377 77
Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)		30,012 00
Other Sources:		
Savings Account	$ 223 45	
Building Refund (Public Service)	25 00	
Public Service Wiring Allowance	4,725 00	
Amherst Junior Women's Club	2,375 00	
		$ 7,348 45
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		$268,857 74
Less School Board Orders Paid		262,238 53
		$ 6,619 21
Interest Transfer		2,481 25
Balance on Hand June 30, 1968 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		$ 4,137 96

Summer Music Fund

SUMMER

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	$	0 00
Total Receipts		1,200 00
Expenditures		0 00
Balance on Hand June 30, 1968 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$	1,200 00

Resource Center Fund

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	$	0 00
Total Receipts		2,500 00
Expenditures		0 00
Balance on Hand June 30, 1968 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$	2,500 00

Reading Fund Title II

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	$	0 00
Revenue from Federal Sources		750 00
Total Receipts	$	750 00
Expenditures		0 00
Balance on Hand June 30, 1968 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$	750 00

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, New Hampshire, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and find them correct in all respects.
August 19, 1968

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
STEPHEN K. NOBLE,
Auditors

Administrative School Report

To the Citizens of Amherst:

The responsibility of the school, in our demoratic society, is to provide an educational program within which framework all students may become all they are capable of becoming. We are continually driving towards fulfilling this goal as we move forward only to pause a moment to review the past.

Our year began under the fine leadership of John A. Murphy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Murphy resigned from this position during the summer of 1968 when he accepted a position for advancement. The impact of Mr. Murphy and his untiring efforts will long be felt in Supervisory Union #40. Great strides in education were made during his reign as Superintendent here.

After Mr. Murphy's resignation, Mr. Donald Desmarais, Hollis High School Principal, was appointed to fulfill the role of Superintendent until an interim superintendent could be located. Mr. Desmarais is to be congratulated for his outstanding efforts as Acting Superintendent for Supervisory Union #40.

In August, we were indeed fortunate to locate Mr. Lewis F. Foote, Retired Superintendent, to guide and direct us as Acting Superintendent for the period of August 1 to December 20. An admirable job was done by Mr. Foote. In December, Supervisory Union No. 40 found their new Superintendent to again lead the districts toward fulfilling its educational philosophy.

Another of our fine leaders found his opportunity to further his education. Mr. Edward Lawton, Teacher Consultant for the past two years, resigned in August to pursue a Doctoral Program at the University of Virginia. Mr. Lawton worked closely with the elementary staff and should be congratulated for the improvements that he has made in the elementary program of our Union. In August, a Teacher

Consultant was appointed replacing Mr. Lawton to continue his role.

AMHERST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Amherst Schools report an active and varied program for both students and staff. The emphasis has been and will continue to be on developing each individual to his full potential for physical, social, intellectual and civic accomplishment. We have been most aware of the general educational problem throughout the nation which points to a "credibility gap" between current verbalization and actual application of certain principles of learning. This has caused us to continue to evaluate ourselves and ask to what extent the schools in Amherst are applying such principles as:

1. Learning is an individual process, with each individual learning at a different rate and in a different style.
2. Concrete experiences are vital to young children's learning.
3. Independent and self-initiated learning is very meaningful for many learning experiences. Does too much total-group, direct teaching foster too much dependence, especially at the upper intermediate level?
4. Learning is a continuous process encompassing every aspect of living. This principle makes us recognize our role as not only one of the child's teachers, but at the same time, accept our responsibility to work with his other "teachers", i.e., parents, nurses, friends, physicians, etc.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum Committees, composed of teachers, administrators and Supervisory Union #40 staff members, made specific recommendations in the areas of Math, Language Arts, Science and Reading. These recommendations are now being implemented. The committees are supported by and being involved with our Union-wide consultants in the areas of Reading, Guidance and the State Department of Education and their human resources.

Mr. Matava of the Rinehart Handwriting System contin-

ues to meet with our teachers once every six weeks to coordinate our handwriting program in grades one through six.

Our Reading Program is changing due to a year long study. The program chosen was a phonic-linguistic approach to Reading. This approach has been also strongly recommended by the International Reading Association at its convention in 1968. This Reading Program and a supplementary phonics program are fully implemented at grades one and two and partially at grades three and four. Our goal is to complete the integration of this program into the schools during the next school year.

The Linguistic Program of Language Arts is now inclusive from grades two through grades six. This program has a core of excellent literature. The program is highly motivating to students and concentrates greatly upon the learning of grammar in relation to its application to the many other fields of Language Arts. For slower children, a slower pace is used with emphasis on concrete, sensory experiences and well-structured lessons that overlap for continuous review.

The E.S.S. (Elementary Science Study) approach to the teaching of Science is being employed in grades three through six. This approach integrates extremely well with some of the principles we are evaluating presented in the opening paragraph. The teacher guides the children into exploratory work in each unit by giving them materials and equipment (sometimes supplemented by things the children bring from home). They are then allowed to construct, test, probe and experiment with teacher directed instructions. There is much individual and small group work. The lack of a very standardized and formal beginning to each unit allows the children to discover much on their own from the materials in front of them, use their own backgrounds and use books as references as needed. The teacher becomes involved then, in providing materials; guidance; helping individual groups draw conclusions (learnings) and summarize through class discussions. Evaluation criteria consists of:

1. Is the child developing scientific skills in:
   - Communicating
   - Predicting
   - Observing
   - Interpreting results
   - Classifying
   - Measuring
2. Does the child maintain good work habits?

We have found a new excitement and enthusiasm in our teachers who are using this method as well as in the pupils who are learning by this method.

The staff is studying the math program for grades one through six. We anticipate a change in our primary program (grades one and two) for the 1969-70 school year. A Committee was formed to study a gifted program for the intermediate grades (grades four through six).

PROGRAMS

Here in Amherst, we are privileged to have many specialized services available which support the classroom teacher in a total team effort to provide a good educational program. Clarified in the following paragraphs are several areas in which we feel there are innovative and exemplary procedures and techniques developed. We are constantly striving to evaluate any changes in the programs.

A. PRIMARY UNIT (GRADES ONE AND TWO)

The primary unit (grades one and two) are now organized so that during the morning, all students have Math and Reading at the same time. This allows for flexibility in placing children at their proper level. The afternoon program is grouped heterogeneously for the Science and Social Studies program at the second grade level. This is an attempt to integrate students with varying abilities in content areas where they may be provided with challenges within the classroom.

B. INTERMEDIATE (GRADES THREE AND FOUR)

In the intermediate unit, we have grouped students by ability in two areas. First is the Reading, Spelling, Phonics and Handwriting block. The second group involves all other

areas (Math, Social Studies, English and Science). While every teacher teaches Reading, Spelling, Handwriting and Phonics, they specialize in the second grouping and are responsible for one of the other areas at their grade level. The children move from class to class and seem to enjoy not only the responsibility of movement, but the idea of having more than one teacher. The activity period has been a source of high interest since it is based on an individual child choosing his or her activity every six to eight weeks. The various activities have been: (1) crafts, (2) physical education, (3) art, (4) music, (5) hobbies, and (6) special projects.

C. UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT (GRADES FIVE AND SIX)

In the upper intermediate unit, we have continued a departmentalized program. This level showed the greatest increase in student population since last year and, therefore, two part time teachers were added to the grade five-six staff to relieve the teacher-pupil load. Re-examination of the needs of the five-six grade pupils and evaluation of more proficient methods of organizing and teaching techniques will bring about changes at this level which will even better prepare the children for grades seven through twelve.

D. IN-SERVICE EDUCATION

In-service programs for our staff are an integral part of our total evaluation of the best educational ideas to benefit our students. Teachers and aides continue to attend school one full week prior to the opening for students in September. During this time, the staff focussed on several specific areas:

a. Creative Dramatics

A Creative Dramatics Workshop was held to explore not only the pure art form but how the creative dramatics approach may become more a part of our teaching techniques. Several parents who voluntarily conduct creative dramatics in grades one and two weekly, were an integral part of the workshop.

b. Emotionally Disturbed

A workshop was conducted by a consulting psychiatrist on emotionally disturbed or disturbing children. Our major concern was how the staff would be able to help children who are not working up to their educational capabilities due to some emotional problem. The Amherst School District applied for and received a grant to aid in providing nurse clinicians and a consulting psychiatrist for the program. This in-service program continues with monthly meetings. The nurse clinicians are available weekly for work with pupils, their parents and teachers.

c. Audio-Visual Aids

A practical session on using the various equipment (new and old) was conducted to insure proper and frequent use of audio-visual aids and development of teacher-made materials as well, for the tape recorder, overhead projector and language master.

In addition to the above, time is provided for teachers to meet with their own grade level, across grade levels and with teachers in their own subject area of specialization. Teachers also have an opportunity to examine the cumulative folder of each child in order to make proper recommendations for placement for each child in his program.

2. *Other in-service training consists of*:
arranging for some members of the staff to visit schools with exemplary programs, unique and successful approaches to teaching, or examining a total facility, such as one with no interior walls separating class areas, to observe how such a facility is better facilitating the teacher-learning process.

E. LISTENING AND VIEWING CENTER

We are more aware than ever of the increasing need to allow children to use their five senses in the learning process. It is important to increase the child's (1) visualization, (2) capacity to listen, and (3) ability to verbalize about a particular concept. Through the guided use of tape recorders, record players, language masters, filmstrip and eight milli-

meter projectors, educational television and the controlled reader, we are able to accomplish this goal. We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the Bean Foundation towards a project for a Listening and Viewing Center.

F. AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

An after school sports program for boys is a seasonal offering and includes flag football, basketball, track and field, and softball. Each sport is organized so that team spirit in an atmosphere of friendly competition is encouraged after the fundamentals are reviewed.

IV LIBRARY

Inasmuch as the prime purpose of the school is to aid in developing good thinking and learning habits in boys and girls, the teacher-librarian is vitally concerned with ways of promoting these habits.

To do this, she suggests the reading of books which might otherwise be unknown or neglected; she attempts to stimulate interests; and through formal instruction, she helps pupils learn how to use the library and its materials. To perform these functions, a schedule of classes is essential. All classes (grades three through six) have a fifty minute library class one day per week. During this period, the library becomes a reading center — a place for enjoying books, for investigating problems, and for study. This is accomplished by;

1. Devoting part of each period to teaching pupils how to use the library.
2. Teaching pupils how to use reference books related to specified courses.
3. Reading a story to stimulate interest.
4. Recommending books or materials related to extra-curricular interests.
5. Allowing time for pleasure reading.
6. Teaching pupils how to use the library as situations requiring its use arise in connection with class work.
7. Encouraging children to use the library as the need for reference material arises.

8. Encouraging reading by giving pupils lists of suggested readings.

9. Recommending the playing of records for stimulating interest or completing an assignment.

Each week during the library period or with permission from his teacher, a pupil may select and borrow a book and an opportunity for the return of the book is provided.

The teacher-librarian selects books and materials to add to the present book selection using the following funds: Book Fair, special grants and general funds. The teacher-librarian also teaches reading, assists teachers in both the Clark and Wilkins School with reading requests and tests pupils for placement.

A. *Parent Volunteers*

Parents have proved to be a necessary and a greatly appreciated part of the school library program. During each week, eleven parents participate in the following functions:

1. Processing books and records.
2. Shelving books.
3. Circulating, charging and returning books.
4. Cataloguing and performing clerical duties.
5. Pasting in pockets and date due cards.

B. PUPIL ASSISTANTS

Pupil assistants are also given an opportunity to participate in performing library duties. They assist parent volunteers and the librarian in the following ways:

1. Circulation.
2. Library housekeeping.
3. Care of Periodicals and magazines.
4. Shelving books.
5. Collecting over-due books.

In conclusion, the library is a resource center — a place belonging to everyone — an integral part of the school. The library represents a place where both teachers and students are helped. Improved pupil achievement and richer, fuller

living for both teachers and students is possible with the utilization of the Resource Center.

V TESTING PROGRAM

A. Pre-school and Grade One

In the spring of the year, all newly registered first graders received the Metropolitan School Readiness Test. This test allows the school to screen the overall readiness of a child both academically and in their maturational development. Many of these same children received a Gesell Developmental Test in August. During the first two weeks of school, a Reading Readiness and Intelligence Test were administered. Grouping of first graders is initially based on the information revealed from the above test results. As the year progresses, the teacher's observations are considered more and more important in grouping changes throughout the year.

B. Achievement and Intelligence Tests

General Achievement Tests have been given in the fall for grades three through six and in the spring for grades one and two. They are administered every year. The Intelligence Tests are administered in grades three and five.

Reading Achievement Tests are administered to each child as they complete the basic reading text book. Many skills are tested including comprehension, organizing ideas, picking out details, etc.

VI ENROLLMENT AND PERSONNEL

	Jan. 1969 Enrollment (actual)	June, 1969 Enrollment (projected)	Sept. 1969 Enrollment (projected)
Grade 1	121	123	148
Grade 2	107	108	123
Grade 3	105	106	121
Grade 4	97	99	114
Grade 5	102	104	119
Grade 6	104	106	119
Total	636	646	744

The above enrollment figures show that our classes are growing at a rapid rate. The School Study Committee of 1968 has projected our total enrollment very accurately to date, and therefore, provides a sound basis for communicating to the community what we may expect in the way of annual school age pupil growth in grades one through six.

At present, the Clark School is at capacity with ten teachers and Wilkins School is over capacity with fourteen full time and two part time teachers working a facility built with twelve regular classrooms, one Science Room and a small Music Room. We are, therefore, utilizing part of the auditorium and stage as instructional areas.

When our French, Guidance, Speech Reading, Art, Choral and Instrumental Specialists come to the school, there is an obvious strain to provide an instructional area.

As educators, we recognize the need for (1) additional instructional areas and (2) additional personnel to parallel the rate of pupil growth.

VII FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Increased insight into how children learn and a firm commitment to work towards a program of continuous progress for each child may dictate specific changes.

1. *A Flexible use of space*

Individual and independent activities will be fostered on the part of the children. There will be frequent re-grouping of furniture and equipment to meet changing space needs for various activities.

2. *Use of equipment and material*

A variety of material, rather than quantity, will aid individual learning. Kits, mechanical equipment and reference material will be centrally located for individual or group use. Teacher made materials will be encouraged in the area of worksheets, tapes and drill cards.

3. Support of a questioning, seeking, experimenting approach to knowledge will help lead children to the acquisition of the basic skills of learning.

4. *Teacher cooperation rather than isolation*

There will be more cooperative planning probably involving several grade levels and more sharing of materials and equipment. An openness between teachers will help promote individualization of instruction and encourage pupils also to share.

5. *Growth in the concept of the "Team"*

A team of teachers plans together for a group of students. Teachers become dependent on each other and share responsibilities for large and small groups of children. A Team Leader becomes an important person in relation to (1) organization, (2) grouping, (3) recognition of pupils and staff needs, and (4) an inspiration to the professional responsibilities of the members of the team.

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

Because of increased enrollments, crowded conditions, large class sizes and the advent of a new school, we are going to have to ask for an increase of eight new teachers. This will bring our class sizes to somewhere near normal and allow for much better teaching and learning.

CURRICULUM

In the Milford Junior Senior AREA School, many new and exciting things are being done in education each and every year. Our teachers are making learning an interesting experience. Such things as increased use of visuals, team teaching, more pupil participation in instruction, experimental projects, some independent study multi-text approaches to subject matter, in-depth studies of certain areas rather than survey courses, and a seemingly increased desire on the part of most of the pupils to learn, are all adding up to a much better "educational product", being graduated.

The new courses introduced into the Social Studies curriculum are proving to be much more stimulating and instructive to the pupils than were the traditional ones. Such courses as American Domestic Affairs, Comparative Govern-

ments, 20th Century United States, Afro-Asian History and Far Eastern Affairs seem to be proving their worth.

Reading continues to be a serious problem indicating the need for a reading center. We increased the program to include many more pupils but are still not able to fulfill the needs of all the pupils.

With the great increase in the numbers of pupils each year our ratio of "pupils to books" in our library is still far short of the recommended number per pupil.

All of our Vocational areas are working cooperatively with industry and many of our pupils are receiving "on the job" training. We are most grateful to the industrial people in the area for their fine cooperation. The areas involved are Foods Service, Business Education, Drafting and Machine Shop.

Our Computer Math program was continued this year through the fine cooperation of the Bean Fund of Amherst and the Kaley Fund of Milford. To both these committees, we extend our appreciation for their kind and continued support of our school and it's pupils.

(Note: Spanish was not introduced to the curriculum last year as was reported in the annual message.)

BUILDINGS

Space continues to be a serious problem at the secondary level. We find our AREA School with an enrollment of 1,275 pupils in a building which houses 1,000 pupils comfortably. Through no one's fault, the construction of our new Junior High School Building got off to a late start and at this writing, it does not seem possible that it will be ready for occupancy in September of 1969. This will create a serious problem for us. It would be practically impossible and even dangerous (in some areas) to try to accommodate all of next year's grades seven through twelve in the one building. We currently have very over-crowded conditions in the lunch room and many of our classes are much too large. We will not have enough classrooms each period to accommodate

the increase in the number of sections we will have. Therefore, some plan will have to be devised to house all of our pupils until the new building is ready.

CONCLUSION

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed in any way to the success of our school year. A special note of thanks is to be extended to the Amherst School Board for *their* untiring efforts and sincere interest in obtaining quality education for the children of Amherst.

IRA A. STICKNEY, Superintendent
MARION J. JACQUES, Teacher Consultant
ARNOLD J. ADREANI, Principal

LELAND GRAY, Chairman
HERBERT STEARNS
ERIC HARE
Amherst School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968

TOTAL RECEIPTS	$ 868,169 44
TOTAL PAYMENTS	$ 837,098 12
Cash Balance, June 30, 1968	$ 26,933 36
Building Fund	4,137 96

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:		
NDEA – Title III	$1,743 85	
School Lunch & Special Milk	3,099 17	
Public Law 874	541 00	
Public Law 89:10 – Title II	1,159 26	
		$ 6,543 28
State Aid:		
School Building Aid	$17,516 88	
Foundation Aid	28,635 09	
Intellectually Retarded	1,250 71	
Sweepstakes	5,998 65	
		53,401 33
From Sources Other Than Taxation:		
Trust Funds	$ 842 14	
Gifts	2,375 00	
Other	120 10	
		3,337 24
Bonds and Notes:		
Principal of Notes		30,012 00
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:		
Current Appropriation		517,457 44
Total Receipts from All Sources		$610,751 29
Cash on Hand July 1, 1967		29,391 62
Building Fund		227,638 27
Grand Total Net Receipts		$867,781 18

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968

100 Series Administration:		
110 Salaries of Officers	$401 00	
135 Contracted Services	85 00	
190 Other Expenses	938 63	
		$ 1,424 63
200 Series Instruction:		
210 Salaries for Instruction	$175,051 25	
215 Textbooks	5,076 98	
220 School Library and A.V.	4,325 25	
230 Teaching Supplies	7,435 61	
235 Contracted Services	631 00	
290 Other Expenses	1,941 44	
		194,461 53
300 Series Attendance		25 00
400 Series Health Services		2,092 42
500 Series Transportation		25,700 00
600 Series Operation of Plant:		
610 Salaries	$10,935 89	
630 Supplies, except Utilities	2,782 19	
635 Contracted Services	1,037 13	
640 Heat for Buildings	5,656 49	
645 Utilities, except Heat	3,944 00	
		24,355 70
700 Series Maintenance of Plant:		
725 Replacement of Equipment	$ 90 00	
726 Repairs to Equipment	249 39	
735 Contracted Services	875 80	
766 Repairs to Buildings	5,811 54	
		7,026 73
800 Series Fixed Charges:		
850.2 Teachers' Retirement System	$5,915 11	
850.3 F.I.C.A.	5,313 28	
855 Insurance	2,237 00	
		13,465 39
900 Series Federal Lunch Program		2,524 06
1200 Series Capital Outlay:		
1265 Sites	$ 2,750 00	
1266 Buildings	225,802 08	
1267 Equipment	30,774 21	
		259,326 29

1300 Series Debt Service:		
1370 Principal of Debt	$56,000 00	
1371 Interest on Debt	16,207 22	
1390 Other Debt Service	13 80	
		72,221 02
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts:		
1477.1 Tuition	$225,010 35	
1477.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	9,465 00	
		234,475 35
		$837,098 12

BALANCE SHEET – June 30, 1968

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:		
General Fund June 30, 1968		$ 26,933 36
School Building Fund June 30, 1968		4,137 96
Accounts Due to District:		
a. From Town	0 00	
b. From State	$1,532 31	
c. From Federal	0 00	
d. Other:		
Summer Music Fund	1,200 00	
Resource Center Fund	2,500 00	
Reading Fund	750 00	
		5,982 31
Total Assets		$ 37,053 63
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)		467,097 44
Total		$504,151 07

LIABILITIES

Accounts Received for Special Purposes:	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1968:	
Building Fund	$ 4,125 96

Accounts Owed by District:		
Advance on 1968-69 Appropriation:		
Hot Lunch	$ 575 11	
Summer Music Fund	1,200 00	
Resource Center Fund	2,500 00	
Reading Fund	750 00	
		5,025 11
Notes and Bonds Outstanding		495,000 00
Total		$504,151 07

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

L. E. GRAY, JR.,
H. C. STEARNS,
ERIC W. HARE,
School Board

JOHN A. MURPHY, Superintendent

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Blanket contents and buildings	$880,000
Automobile liability	$500,000/1,000,000
Truck liability	100,000/300,000
Workman's Compensation	$100,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in $5,000 denominations except $2,000 due September 15, 1966 issued in $1,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15
Principal Maturing: 1966-1980
Rate: 3.30%

Coupon Amount $16.50 - $1,000
$82.50 - $5,000

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-66	$9,025.50	$547,000	—
9-15-66	9,025.50	547,000	$42,000
3-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	—
9-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	40,000
3-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	—
9-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	40,000
3-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	—
9-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	40,000
3-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	—
9-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	35,000
3-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	—
9-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	35,000
3-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	—
9-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	35,000
3-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	—
9-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	35,000
3-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	—
9-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	35,000
3-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	—
9-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	35,000
3-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	—
9-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	35,000
3-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	—
9-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	35,000
3-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	—

9-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	35,000
3-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	—
9-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	35,000
3-15-80	577.50	35,000	—
9-15-80	577.50	35,000	35,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on August 1, 1968 in $5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable February 1 and August 1
Principal Maturing: 1969-1983
Rate: 4.20%

Coupon Amount $105.00 - $5,000

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
2-1-69	$3,570	$170,000	—
8-1-69	3,570	170,000	$15,000
2-1-70	3,255	155,000	—
8-1-70	3,255	155,000	15,000
2-1-71	2,940	140,000	—
8-1-71	2,940	140,000	15,000
2-1-72	2,625	125,000	—
8-1-72	2,625	125,000	15,000
2-1-73	2,310	110,000	—
8-1-73	2,310	110,000	10,000
2-1-74	2,100	100,000	—
8-1-74	2,100	100,000	10,000
2-1-75	1,890	90,000	—
8-1-75	1,890	90,000	10,000
2-1-76	1,680	80,000	—
8-1-76	1,680	80,000	10,000
2-1-77	1,470	70,000	—
8-1-77	1,470	70,000	10,000
2-1-78	1,260	60,000	—
8-1-78	1,260	60,000	10,000
2-1-79	1,050	50,000	—

8-1-79	1,050	50,000	10,000
2-1-80	840	40,000	——
8-1-80	840	40,000	10,000
2-1-81	630	30,000	——
8-1-81	630	30,000	10,000
2-1-82	420	20,000	——
8-1-82	420	20,000	10,000
2-1-83	210	10,000	——
8-1-83	210	10,000	10,000

SALARIES – 1967-68

a. Superintendent

State Share		$ 4,500 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	$1,948 92	
Brookline	594 22	
Hollis	1,713 80	
Milford	4,877 78	
Mont Vernon	365 28	
	————	9,500 00
		————
		$14,000 00

b. Teacher Consultant

State Share		$ 2,700 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	$1,702 74	
Brookline	519 17	
Hollis	1,497 32	
Milford	4,261 63	
Mont Vernon	319 14	
	————	8,300 00
		————
		$11,000 00

c. Business Manager

State Share		$ 2,700 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	$1,298 87	
Brookline	397 22	
Hollis	1,123 79	
Milford	3,236 50	
Mont Vernon	243 62	
		6,300 00
		$ 9,000 00

TITLE I – 1967-68
SUPERVISORY UNION No. 40

Receipts As Allocated:		
Amherst	$ 4,772 00	
Brookline	2,748 00	
Hollis	2,459 00	
Milford	12,725 00	
Mont Vernon	289 00	
		$22,993 00
Expenditures:		
Phase I – Curriculum Development	$ 8,859 37	
Phase II – Elem. Guidance	14,133 63	
		$22,993 00

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION
1967-1968

Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D., Examiner
Pauline Woods, R.N., School Nurse

Total number of children examined	318
Tuberculosis Tests	83
Blood Pressure	275

The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Treatment
Defective Ears	3	3
Defective Teeth	5	5
Lungs	1	1
Heart	5	5

Diseases Reported:	
Chicken Pox	66
Measles	2
Whooping Cough	1
Mumps	12
Pediculosis	1
Impetigo	1
Scarlet Fever	1
Strep Throat	26
Number of Home Visits	189

TEACHER ROSTER

Amherst Elementary 1968-69

Name	*Exp.*	*Assignment*	*College*	*Degree*
Adreani, Arnold	8	Principal	Boston University	M.Ed.
Bailey, Edward	1	Grade 4	Keene State	B.Ed.
Barry, Susan	1	Grade 2	New England College	B.A.
Bell, Martha	0	Grade 5	Aroostook State	B.S.
Brockway, Marguerite		Music	American University	M.A.
Brown, Clara	3	Grade 3	Rivier College	M.Ed.
Carroll, Gail	1	Grade 2	Emmanuel College	A.B.
Desautels, Lois	0	Grade 1	Keuka College	B.A.
Dyer, Sarah	2	Grade 5-6	University of Maine	B.A.
Greenhalgh, Sarah	22	Grade 2	Keene State	B.Ed.
Hall, Betty	12	Reading Consultant	Bridgewater State	M.Ed.
Hallcom, Carolyn	6	Grade 1	Indiana State	B.S.
Kelliher, Janet	1	Grade 4	St. Joseph's College	B.A.
Kertesz, Laszlo	22	Orchestra	Hungarian Royal Cons.	B.A.
Kittredge, Elma	23	Grade 3	Plymouth Normal	
Knowlton, Barbara	6	Grade 1	Keene State	B.Ed.
Lathrop, Cynthia	5	Grade 3	Skidmore	B.S.
McEnnis, Shirley	2	Grade 1	University of N.H.	
McGee, Mary	29	Grade 3	Keene State	B.E.
McGuire, Christine	1	Grade 4	Goucher College	B.A.
Murray, Dale	7	Grade 2	Calvin Coolidge	B.S.
Nocos, Teresita	10	Grade 2	Philippine Normal	B.S.E.Ed.
O'Halloran, Susan	2	Grade 5-6	Keene State	B.Ed.
Perry, Marcia	6	Grade 4	R.I. College	Ed.B.
Pichette, Noella	5	French	University of N.H.	B.A.
Reinbold, Paul	0	Grade 6	Fitchburg State	B.S.Ed.
Saxe, Charlotte	8	Speech Therapist	Rivier College	M.A.
Shaw, Elizabeth	15	Grade 6	Tufts University	B.A.
Smith, Richard	0	Grade 5	University of N.H.	B.A.
Sullivan, Catherine	26	Grade 5-6 Library Res.	University of N.H.	M.Ed.
Tent, Stephanie	1	Grade 1	New England College	B.A.
Tong, Harry	8	Music	Salem State	B.A.
Thomas, Johanna	3	Grade 5	Penn. State Univ.	B.S.
Tyrrell, JoAn	1	Art	Texas Western	B.S.
Wheeler, Emma	12	Grade 6	Plymouth State	B.E.
Duval, Patricia		Secretary - Office		
Faneuf, Gladys		Aide - Grade 3		
Martin, Kay		Aide - Grade 1		
Masten, Judith		Aide - Grade 4		
Trevathan, Paula		Aide - Grade 5-6		
White, Margaret		Aide - Grade 2		
Young, Josephine		Aide - Grade 1		

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1967-1968

Number of pupils registered during year: 559
Boys 294 Girls 265

Enrollment by Grades:
I - 103, II - 102, III - 95, IV - 87, V - 98, VI - 74

Average membership in Grades 1 - 6 549.2
Percent of attendance in Grades 1 - 6 95.2
Number of sessions in all schools 360

Teaching positions:

Elementary	19
Part-time teachers	10

Amherst Tuition Pupils attending Milford AREA School 1967-68:

Grade 7	70	Grade 10	60
Grade 8	71	Grade 11	71
Grade 9	81	Grade 12	43

Special Class – Elementary	4
Special Class – Secondary	8

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM MILFORD AREA SCHOOL – JUNE 1968

Michelle Ayotte
Donald Balmer
Deborah Barbour
George Burke
Terry Carter
Carolyn Chapman
Deborah Charron
Richard Charron
Peter Cheever
Mary Crouter
Dorothy Currier
Robert Doane
James Dreyer
Gerald Eaton
Neil Fretague
Russell Gilman
Beverly Jones
Nancy Kilton
Mary Mitiguy
Michael Moore
Robert Nichols
Harry Page
Sheridan Parker
Stephen Pratt
Neil Sandford
Terrance Sortevik
Burton Stevens
Edward Sullivan
Sherrill White
Sara Whitney
Joyce Williams
Kris Williams
Raymond Yeager
John Whatmore

SCHOOL CENSUS

Age as of September 1, 1968	Total	Boys	Girls	No. Attending Public School Within District	No. Attending Public School Outside District	No. Attending Parochial School Outside District	No. Attending Private School Outside District	Excused by School Board	Reached 14 or 16, Completed Elementary not High School	Completed High School	Reached Age 16, though Not Completed Elementary
Less than 1	80	43	37								
1	67	40	27								
2	66	31	35								
3	78	31	47								
4	76	45	31								
5	91	51	40	24							
6	73	34	39	72		1					
7	105	48	57	104		1					
8	104	53	51	103		1					
9	104	57	47	103		1					
10	103	60	43	103							
11	91	46	45	89		2					
12	80	43	37	77		2	1				
13	76	39	37		72	3	1				
14	86	39	47		80	1	5				
15	73	35	38		66	2	5				
16	80	40	40		68	3	8		1		
17	77	45	32		52		4	1	4	15	1
18	53	33	20		17	1	2		2	31	
TOTALS	1563	813	750	675	355	18	26	1	7	46	1

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Following last March's favorable vote to build our much sought after auditorium-gymnasium-cafeteria, a contract was awarded to Blanchard and Stebbins of Manchester, who started construction immediately. The September completion date was not met because a laborer's strike delayed construction, but it was in use for assemblies shortly before Thanksgiving.

Bonds to pay for the project were issued and sold to the lowest bidder on August 1, 1968. The low bidder was Putnam, Coffin, Burr-Doolittle, Inc. at 4.20%, which yielded a premium of $100,275. Before the bonds were sold, payments to the contractor were financed by means of short term notes to save on interest.

E. Daniel Johnson again served the School District without compensation as Clerk of the Works. His untiring efforts have not only saved the taxpayers many thousands of dollars in salary, but have also resulted in many other savings in construction costs. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to "Johnny".

Pursuant to the vote of the annual meeting, which authorized the expenditure of $8,000 for architectural plans of an addition to the Wilkins School, the Board interviewed five architects and selected Haynes, Lieneck and Smith of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. During the preliminary studies, it became evident that changing trends in education call for a more flexible approach to space needs in our schools. The Board went to the teachers and asked them if there was anything they needed to help them do a better job. The "open concept" plan finally submitted to the voters grew out of their recommendations together with those of the State Department of Education, the architect and other educators and administrators. At this writing, the voters have not been able to muster the two-thirds majority needed to raise the necessary $475,000.

Enrollment has grown by leaps and bounds. The current school budget was based on 580 pupils in grades 1 to 6 and

389 students at Milford AREA School. By January, we had 636 in the first six grades and had 443 in grades 7-12 tuitioned to Milford. According to the report submitted last year by the School Study Committee, enrollments will continue to grow even more rapidly.

The hot lunch program was resumed in January under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Mertz. Lunches are prepared and served in the Wilkins School and those for Clark School are transported in our government surplus truck purchased a year ago for $75.00.

A special program, working with emotionally disturbed children in the elementary grades, has been made possible through a grant from the N. H. Department of Education. Dr. Jack Sheps from New Haven, Connecticut spends one day a month in Amherst and specially trained therapists from the State Hospital work with the youngsters and their parents and teachers on a part time basis.

The elementary educational program is continually under review by members of the Board. The Readiness Room Program in the first grade has come to be accepted and understood by parents. In its second year, it is even more successful than it was last year. All grades have some degree of grouping on the basis of performance and achievement by subjects. Teachers are expected to be versatile in basic subjects such as reading and language, social studies, and math - not overly specialized. Larger enrollments with more teachers per grade provide natural opportunities for cooperative or team planning among the teachers. The curriculum guides, prepared at a Union No. 40 project over the last three years under a federal grant, are now being adopted by our teachers to their particular needs.

We have met with Milford school officials to keep ourselves informed about the educational program and curriculum at Milford AREA School. Although crowded conditions are a handicap, none of the essentials have been allowed to suffer. Better days are ahead. The new Junior High School building now under construction will take care of seventh

and eighth grades and the High School can then expand its program.

Our merit plan for teachers' salaries has finally begun to pay dividends. It, together with our $6,000 starting base, has been attracting the kind of teachers we want to work in Amherst. It is also encouraging more of our teachers to stay with us. The success of our merit plan is due, in no small measure, to the support the voters have been giving at budget time. Another important factor is the way the teachers themselves have been helping to develop the procedures and criteria for evaluating merit. Union No. 40 is one of the few places where a genuine merit plan has been accepted by the teachers. We think our teachers like it.

Costs are going up. More children are in our schools. When we add it all up, the results are unbelievable. For example, our tuition bill alone at the Milford AREA School for next year is more than the amount the Town had to raise by taxes for 1965 - 66. We are fortunate that the tax valuation of the town has also been keeping apace. Still, the increases necessary to pay for more teachers and more schoolrooms are placing a heavy burden on our town's taxpayers. Your School Board is well aware of its responsibility to weigh the need for every single dollar of taxpayers' money.

Looking ahead, the orderly plan of development recommended in the 1965 School Study Committee Report is just as good today as it was then. The only thing that has changed is the timing. They anticipated the Wilikins School addition we need now would not be in the picture until 1971 or 1972. The new school in the south end of town that was projected for the late 1970's or early 1980's will be needed in 1971. Possible sites are actively being considered and a recommendation will be made to the voters at the annual meeting.

Other school districts in surrounding towns are trying to find ways of meeting school needs on a consolidated basis. We have had inquiries from Bedford and Mont

Vernon. Others are negotiating with their neighbors. As we face needs to build more and more classrooms, serious consideration should be given to the opportunities for Incentive Aid and increased percentages of Building Aid which are available to Cooperative School Districts.

Your Board is pleased to note for the record, that Ira Stickney, formerly of the New Hampshire Department of Education, has been appointed Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 40. This includes Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Milford and Mont Vernon. Our former Superintendent, John Murphy, resigned in the spring to take a position in Collier County, Florida. All the Boards occupied much of the spring and summer with the business of getting a new Superintendent. We owe a real debt of gratitude to all the staff at Union No. 40 Office, who kept things going.

LELAND E. GRAY, JR.
HERBERT C. STEARNS
ERIC W. HARE
Amherst School Board

1968 SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The School Study Committee, appointed and organized in November, 1967, has worked in co-operation with the School Committee, the Planning Board and various town officials, to obtain information relating to population trends, particularly school population trends, in the Town of Amherst. The co-operation of these departments and officials has made a difficult task much easier.

The Study Committee has two objectives: one, a short-range evaluation of immediate and pressing school needs, and to suggest a means of meeting these needs; and secondly, to look "farther down the road" and anticipate with some degree of accuracy what the educational needs of the Town will be in five or ten years.

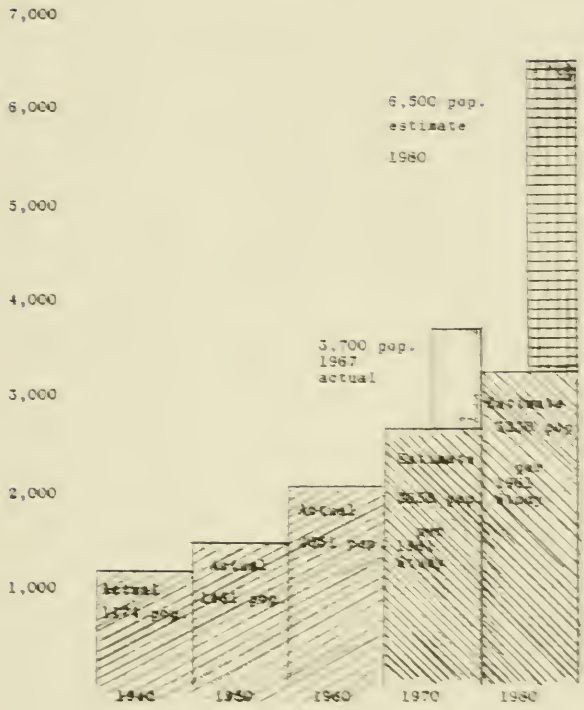
Although the two objectives are interrelated, both cannot be dealt with simultaneously with any measure of success. The immediate need must be resolved now; the long-range planning must be given careful study, with the various alternatives explored with open-minded thoroughness. At this early stage of our existence as a Committee, no such long-range evaluation is possible. Certain trends are apparent at this time that have a bearing on both the immediate planning and the long-range effort.

There is every indication that Amherst is faced with a population explosion. It is unrealistic to assume growth will not occur, and wishful thinking to believe such growth will follow a predictable, steady, moderate pattern. Instead, our growth will be exactly what we have stated, an "explosion". To believe otherwise is to completely disregard available facts.

Let us look first at actual growth rates over the past eight years, and compare this actual growth with the probable growth rates projected in 1961.

ACTUAL AND PROJECTED POPULATION TRENDS, 1940 - 1980

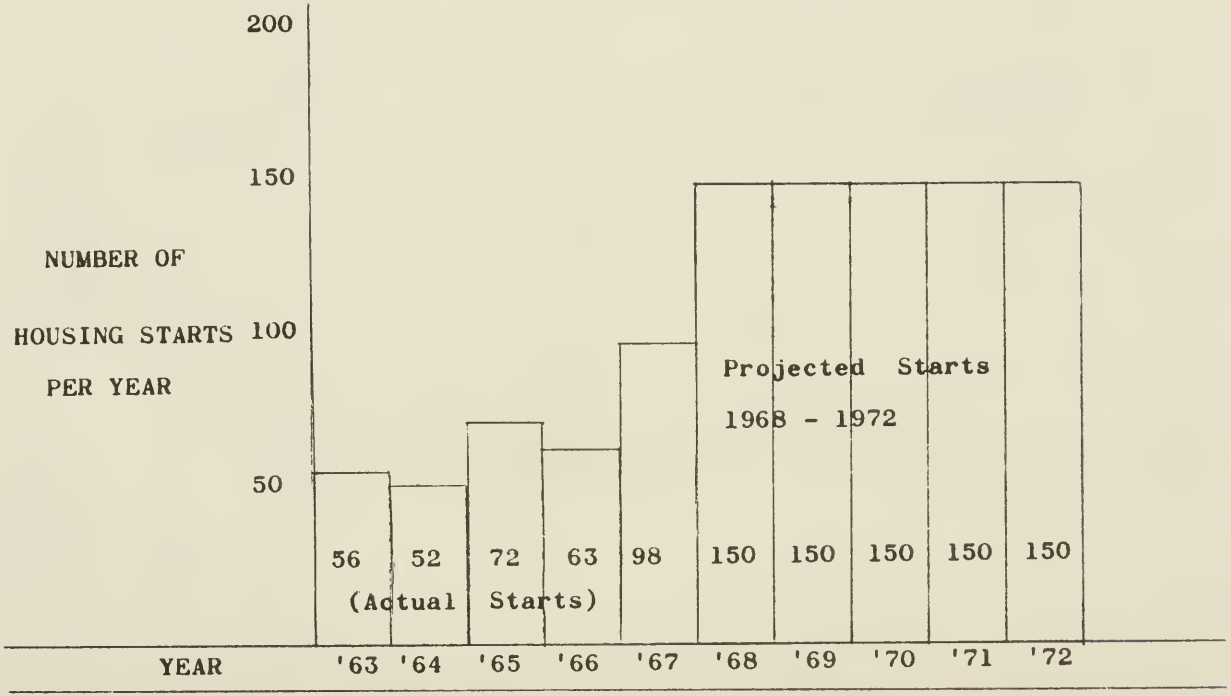
(CHART I)



Obviously, the projections made in 1961 were conservative, and actual growth has been far in excess of the predicted estimates. Significantly, the rate of growth in the most recent years has veered sharply upward from the early projections, a further indication that realistically, a greatly accelerated growth rate over the next few years should be anticipated.

Annual Town Reports for the past five years indicate that the building of new homes has steadily increased. Furthermore, building permits issued in 1969 already total 23 for the first six weeks of the year.

CHART II



ACTUAL AND PROJECTED ANNUAL HOUSING STARTS 1963 to 1972

With respect to subdivision of land areas, in 1966, plans were filed with the Planning Board for approval of subdivisions creating 63 building lots. In 1967, subdivisions with an additional 97 building lots were approved. Already, as of February 15, 1968, subdivisions with 91 building lots have been approved with 145 lots pending approval. It is wishful thinking to believe that homes will not be built on these lots, or that further subdivision of land will not occur. Amherst has a vast acreage of undeveloped, open land. The subdivisions approved to date involve only a small portion of that open land. If every lot in every subdivision now approved or on file is built upon, there will be over 400 new homes in Amherst. Looking back at the number of building permits taken out over the past five years, and at the number of permits already taken out in 1968, 150 housing starts per year is not an unrealistic estimate. At that rate, by 1972, Amherst will have 600 new homes, with an average of 2.6 children per family, according to National statistics. This represents a potential increase of 1,560 children in the four-year span of 1968-1972.

With the above figures in mind, let us look again at the school problem. The National average of 2.6 children includes pre-school children and high school graduates requiring no school facilities. Of perhaps greater relevance is Amherst's ratio of *school-age children* per family, which is 1.1 Applying this ratio of 1.1 to the number of new families predicted by 1972, results in a projected school population of 1,600 students, which is nearly double the present total school population in all grades. Part of this school population of 1,600 students will be in grades 7 - 12, thus not affecting our local needs. If we use the present ratio of elementary students and Area-school students, we still will require 16 additional classrooms in Amherst, to house approximately 940 elementary students by 1972.

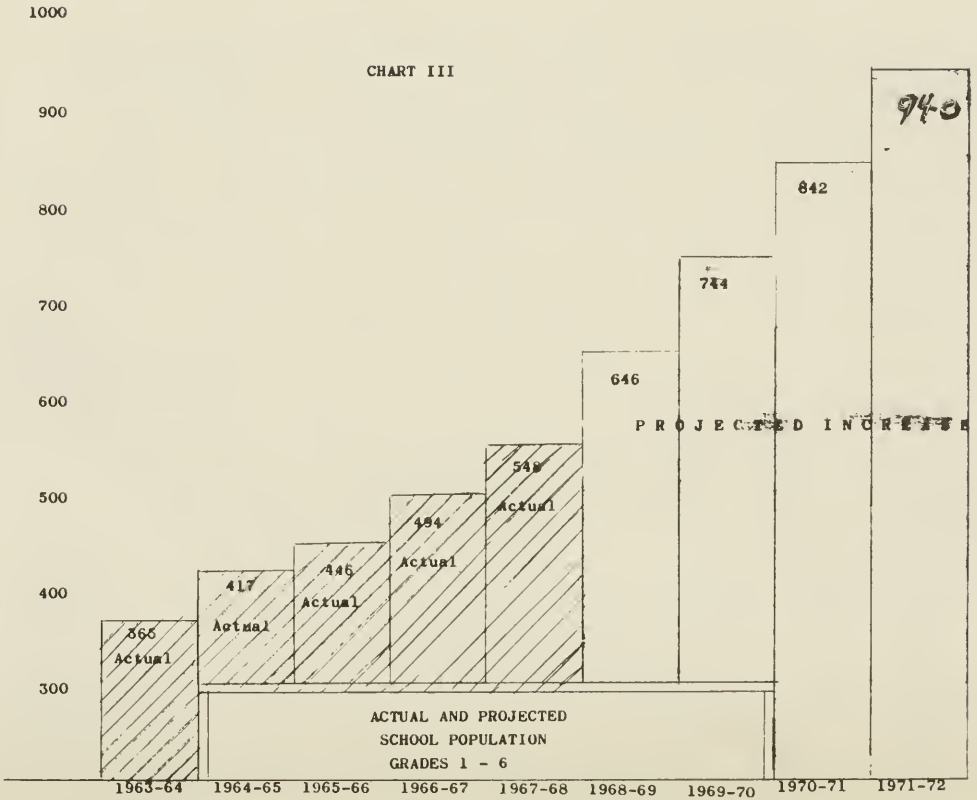


CHART III
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900
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366
Actual
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454
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548
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646
744
842
940
PROJECTED INCREASE
ACTUAL AND PROJECTED
SCHOOL POPULATION
GRADES 1 - 6
1963-64
1964-65
1965-66
1966-67
1967-68
1968-69
1969-70
1970-71
1971-72

There is already under consideration by the School Committee a recommendation for an 8-room addition to the Wilkins School. At this time, we strongly recommend that action be taken to allocate funds to prepare plans and specifications for this addition, in order that an accurate cost of the addition may be determined, and an appropriation request be placed before the townspeople for their consideration. A careful evaluation of the facts presented in this preliminary report of the School Study Committee will leave no doubt as to the need for the proposed addition. It should also leave no doubt in any mind that the addition is only one more step in the direction of adequate educational facilities. Additional facilities will be necessary, and land on which to place these facilities must be acquired. In this connection, we refer to the 1964 School Study Committee's Report: "For our eventual needs, between the late 1970's and mid-80's, we strongly recommend buying now (while land is still available and within reasonable cost) a sizable site in the southeastern part of the Town for the eventual construction of a second elementary school."

MR. JAMES P. PRATT, *Chairman*
MRS. ROGER M. BROWN
MRS. WILSON T. DYER
MR. PETER DUNLAP
MR. HERBERT E. SCHMITZ

SYNOPSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 8, 1968

The Amherst School District Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Creeley Buchanan at 8:00 P.M. on March 8, 1968. Reverend Kenneth Sanford gave the invocation and the salute to the flag was led by Mr. Eric Brown.

Mr. Eric Hare, Chairman of the School Board, paid tribute to Mr. E. Daniel Johnson with a presentation of a framed picture of the architect's drawing of the Wilkins School.

The Moderator dispensed with the reading of the warrant and reminded those present that the school district officers would be elected at Town Meeting on March 12, 1968.

Article 1. Mr. Eric Hare moved that this article be passed over and acted upon with Article 6. Carried.

Article 2. Mr. Leland Gray moved that we accept all reports as printed in the School Report. Carried.

Article 3. Mr. Herbert Stearns moved that the town auditors serve as school auditors. Carried.

Article 4. Mr. Eric Hare moved that the district vote to authorize the School Board to make application for and accept on behalf of the district any or all grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or the State of New Hampshire or from any other source. Carried.

Article 5. Mr. Leland Gray moved that the district vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $170,600 for the constructing and equipping of a multi-purpose room and kitchen to be added to the Wilkins Memorial School, and to meet this appropriation, the School Board be authorized to issue $170,600 in bonds, notes, or other legal evidence of indebtedness pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, RSA as amended.

The voters were instructed that they would be voting on the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee

and that a motion was not necessary. Following a reading of the letter from the School Board which was included with the Town Report, the meeting was open to a period of general discussion.

Mr. G. Winthrop Brown moved the question. Seconded.

The Moderator recessed the meeting at 8:30 P.M. for the ballot voting conducted by the supervisors of the checklist: Mrs. Phyllis Hill, Mr. Everard Barron, and Mr. Kenneth Spalding, with appointed Ballot clerks: Dr. James Jones, Mr. Donald Davis, Mr. Louis Heaton, Mr. Fosdick Smith, and Mr. Phillip Currier assisting.

The results of the balloting were as follows:

403 votes cast
330 affirmative
73 negative

A two-third vote was necessary to carry the motion and it was passed. The meeting reconvened at 9:15 P.M.

Article 6: The Moderator explained that the voters would be acting on the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Leland Gray, Mr. Eric Hare, and Mr. Herbert Stearns gave a detailed account of the proposed budget. Mr. Gray gave a report of the 210 account with a presentation of slides of Amherst's enrollment history, grades one through six, showing a 57% increase in five years, 1962-1967; projected population figures for 1971-72 which shows 71% increase over 1963-64; the history of the grade six enrollment showing an increase from 59 students in 1962 to 71 students in 1967, a 20% increase in five years; and the history of the grade one enrollment showing 68 pupils in 1961 to 118 students in 1971, a 73% increase from 1962 to 1968, a 66% increase. A staff utilization chart was presented showing the teacher requirements for next year of four new teachers and two new aides. Mr. Gray went on to explain that on recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Board had established a salary schedule of a $6,000 base and that the basic teacher contracts for new teachers would be increased from 185 to 190 days. He explained the merit

pay system and the new salary schedule. A period of discussion from the floor followed. The School Board announced that $3,000 would be added to the budget for the hot lunch program. This would be offset by $3,000 in the revenue. A vote was taken on whether or not to amortize the building for three years. Not carried. Therefore, $11,378 was added to the principal payment and $7,165 was added to the interest making the total 1300 series $73,543.

Mr. Herbert Stearns moved that the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $725,762 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district. Carried.

Article 7. Mr. Pratt, Chairman of the School Study Committee, was asked to comment of the need for additional classrooms. Based on a projection of 940 students in 1971-72, the new building should be ready for occupancy by 1970 and additional classrooms will be needed by 1972. A discussion was held as to whether to have an architect draw up plans for a ten or eleven room addition to the Wilkins Shool instead of the eight room addition as stated in the warrant. Mr. Eric Brown suggested that we vote to have an architect draw up plans for an eight room building and an estimate for the other three rooms.

Mr. G .Winthrop Brown moved the question and it was seconded.

A vote was taken on the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee and was carried.

Article 8. Mr. Hare moved that the School Board be authorized to apply any grants gifts, and earned interest to the proposed building project. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

SHIRLEY V. COPELAND, Clerk

The Historical Society of Amherst voted $1,000 at their August meeting to purchase the old Concord coach from Mrs. Carl Willard of Townsend, Massachusetts, who felt it should return to its hometown.

William Rodney Clark, seated with reins, owned the coach and contracted to carry mail and passengers twice daily from the post office in the northwest corner of Cushing's Folly, the old three-story brick building where Moulton and Sons grocery store now stands, erected a few years after the 1948 fire, and the Amherst Railroad Station at Danforth's Corner, now called Ponemah.

Mr. Clark carried the mail from about 1880 to about 1915 when he sold it to William Sloan, who, in turn, sold it about 1920.

The photo, taken about 1912, shows the Amherst Village home of Richard Boylston, great, great grandfather of Edwin F. Locke, present Amherst postmaster.